

MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting – November 12, 2013

The Monmouth Conservation Commission met at the Monmouth Municipal Office at 6:30pm on November 12, 2013. Present were Herb Whittier, Randy Schiller, Cindy Parker, Bob Mulliken and Doug Beck. The meeting began at 6:35pm.

A motion was made by Herb to accept the minutes from the October 8 meeting; Bob seconded; unanimously approved.

The funds received from the timber harvest at Whittier Woods were discussed. The funds are currently recorded as a separate part of the Public Works Department. Herb reported there is approximately \$45K in the timber harvest fund. The Commission may want to have a dedicated account, i.e., separate from Public Works, pending Selectmen approval.

The town initially received a Recreation Trails Program grant to help put in the trails at Whittier Woods. Grants can be applied for yearly. Continuing the trails on the other side of the road may be an option. There is approximately 60 acres around the boat launch.

Tasks for the Commission:

- *Inventory land and transfer the list onto a map of the town – public town-owned land, public-accessible lands not owned by the town, conserved properties (public or private), open space noted, tree farms, areas for recreations, etc. Land inventory: Randy will talk with Paul Ruopp; Doug will contact IFW and DEP; Cindy will talk with Dave Shaw and the town clerks. There is also KLT, Cobbossee Watershed District, and many others, surely. A large town map is available at the town office for \$10, good overview to start.
- *Membership in the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions – how would membership benefit us?
- *Developing a budget for the Commission – Curt asked us to develop a budget; possible items for expenditure-?
- *Maine DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program – Bob reported there is signage available for their “Give ‘em 3 feet” campaign.
- *Connectivity, web space – on the town site? Who will maintain it?

The next meeting of the Monmouth Conservation Commission is December 10, 2013 at the Monmouth Municipal Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Parker, Secretary