

MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting – August 12, 2014

The Monmouth Conservation Commission met at the Monmouth Municipal Office at 6:30pm on August 12, 2014. Present were commissioners Herb Whittier, Cindy Parker, Randy Schiller (chair), Bob Mulliken.

Updates:

Herb reported he sent out a purchase order from the Monmouth CC on July 28th, to pay for our Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (**MEACC**) **membership**. Also Herb received a full set of **11x17 copies of the town maps** for us to use in our **indexing**. Cindy will hang onto them.

The **Economic Development Committee** (EDC) has invited us to their August 25th meeting at 6:30pm. The EDC is interested in working with us on a **tree inventory** downtown. Randy will be out of town; perhaps the rest of us can go? EDC has had extra money in their budget in the past year; the question is how can the CC and the EDC work together for Monmouth?

There are no takers yet for a **new CC member**.

Randy expressed concern that we haven't done very much as a working body. Herb noted we haven't received much direction (from the selectmen, etc.).

Bob mentioned that Dan Stewart (of **Maine DOT**) has moved on to another job out of state. Liz [last name?] and Abbey King are possible stand-in's for Dan. Bob said the **Complete Streets Policy** has been adopted by other towns/cities in Maine. It is a national program and a pledge that the municipality (selectmen) would make that acknowledges all modes of transportation including bicycles, horses, etc., not just automobiles. There are no specific actions or legislation the town has to make; it is a pledge. Cindy suggested talking to other CC's in the area, especially those that have adopted the Complete Streets Policy. Manchester seems a good choice. Randy said it would be good to ask what have the outcomes been, from adopting the policy.

Cindy reported that Bob and Cindy met with Gary Maurer of **Woodbury** Nature Sanctuary on July 23rd. They walked the trails and Gary discussed and demonstrated preferred stewardship practices at Woodbury. Gary gave the MonmCC 200 **Woodbury brochures**/trail maps to use as we see fit. He requested we simply let him know what we do with them. Randy suggested the schools may be a good resource in working with Woodbury among other projects, perhaps utilizing the Day of Caring in some way.

Bob reported he recently walked the trails at **Thorncrag** in Lewiston and found the sanctuary to be great, expansive and well-manicured "like Acadia." A **Monmouth Fair presence for the CC** may be good; we could piggy-back with the Lions' Club booth. He mentioned the Bicycle Coalition of Maine and Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) are good possible **guests** for us, including Theresa Kerchner KLT executive director and Jim Connors, steward of Mt. Pisgah. Bob will ask Jim for our September meeting.

Randy reported he has an October time-frame to make a **CC report to the selectmen**. Also he reminded us that Gary Maurer suggested encouraging **easements** around Jock Stream (bordering Woodbury), in an effort to help Woodbury.

Randy and Cindy will continue to work on town-**indexing** issues; it is progressing well.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

The **next meeting** of the Monmouth Conservation Commission is Tuesday, **September 9, 2014** at 6:30pm at the Monmouth Municipal Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Parker, Secretary