

## MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting – July 17, 2014

The Monmouth Conservation Commission met at the Monmouth Municipal Office at 6:30pm on July 17, 2014. Present were Herb Whittier, Randy Schiller (chair), Cindy Parker, Bob Mulliken.

Updates:

Herb reported: A want-ad is being placed in the Community Advertiser for the **vacant 5<sup>th</sup> seat** on this commission, and Buddy Floyd will make a Monmouth Info email announcement.

A letter was received from attorney Howard Lake about the **Coal Shed lot on Maple Street**. Lloyd McCabe is purchasing the lot and would like to donate it to the town, with a modest plaque on the property “in memory of.” There is still a question about “what to do with the property.”

A letter was received from Marcel Polak, executive director of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) about our interest in **joining MEACC**. Annual membership in MEACC would be \$165 for Monmouth (based on population size). We agreed it would be good to join for a year initially. Herb distributed copies of the want-ad and the letters.

**\*Motion (Randy) for the Monmouth CC to join the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions at a membership rate of \$165.00.** Seconded (Herb). All voted in favor. Herb will write a purchase order for this, this week, and mail the membership application.

Cindy reported: Gary Maurer of Woodbury Nature Sanctuary/Thorncrag has offered to give us 200 or so **Woodbury Sanctuary** brochures/trail maps. Gary is available on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to show us how Woodbury is stewarded. Bob, Cindy and Randy are interested. Cindy will confirm with Gary.

Bob reported: **Dan Stewart** (Maine DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager) is scheduled to talk with us at our August 12 meeting about the Complete Streets Policy and other things. Bob will follow-up with Dan before August 12. Kris Huck (sp?) from the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is another possible speaker. Herb suggested Bill Monagle of Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD) as well.

Randy stated it may be a good time for an **official report of the Monmouth Conservation Commission to the selectmen**. Cindy will finish and compile all the minutes. Randy will draft an outline: Here is where we started, this is what we’ve done, here’s what we’re working on, and this is where we’re going.

**Finances:** Our fiscal year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any expenditures will be by purchase order. If needed, approved reimbursement may be possible for items such as town maps, etc. A financial report will be part of our yearly report to the town.

Randy and Cindy will continue to work on town-indexing issues.

We discussed ways to have the CC more visible (and more useful) to the town, including slogans, school contests, etc.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.**

The **next meeting** of the Monmouth Conservation Commission is Tuesday, **August 12, 2014** at 6:30pm at the Monmouth Municipal Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Parker, Secretary