

Minutes

Monmouth Conservation Commission

10/14/14

Meeting began at 7:08 in Town Hall Board Room

Commission Members attending: Randy Schiller, Herb Whittier, Bob Mulliken, Larry Buggia.

Guest – Jim Connors with Kennebec Land Trust. Jim presented KLT's activities in preserving natural resources on various properties. KLT has been in existence since 1989, and has a board of 19 volunteer members. KLT manages the Curtis Plantation, including much of the bog which borders Monmouth, and they have a total of about 5,000 acres in trust. They are working on the Howard Hill project in Augusta, which has about 150 acres now in trust. There are four staff members, two of which are full time, with their office in Winthrop. Teresa Kirshner is the head of KLT. They have many maps of open space in the area, including islands, habitat, etc. We might be able to incorporate their information in our project to map conservable areas in Monmouth. Nearby, the Mount Pisgah parcel is over 800 acres. Jim told us that the Maine Farmland Trust is working with Jerry Smith to protect the Smith Dairy Farm. A current priority of KLT is protection of lands in and around Lake Cobbossee. Jim recommended that we meet with Readfield CC. Jim left his phone number at 933-4293, and left the meeting at 8:00.

Herb and Bob presented the four "3 Ft. Zone from Pedestrians or Bicyclists" signs, which will be erected on Academy St., Rt. 135 [at Pleasant Street], and two on Rt. 132.

We discussed the notes that Cindy Parker forwarded in her absence about Project Canopy. We agreed that Cindy should proceed with Nancy Smith (Economic Development Committee) to work towards getting Project Canopy Grants.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting was scheduled for 11/11/14 at 7:00PM

Recorded by Herb Whittier

Transcribed by Randy Schiller