

MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes– Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Present: Commissioners Herb Whittier (v.chair/treas), Randy Schiller (chair) and Cindy Parker (secr). Absent: Commissioner Larry Buggia. We had a quorum. Meeting began at 7:15pm.

The **minutes** of July 14th were reviewed. *Randy made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented; Herb seconded; all voted yes.*

Finances: Cindy received the missing reimbursement check for \$41.11.

Randy said he has not yet written the thank you letter to Bob Mulliken for his service to the MonmCC.

Herb said he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Dave Shaw. There will be some changes to Monmouth's **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance** that exempts certain walkway and trails from setback requirements; it's good to be aware of these when we consider the building of new trails, etc.

Cindy reported the students have done basic inventory for **Project Canopy**; Cindy will be double checking the list to make sure we've done what we said in the application. John and/or Harold of Two Trees Forestry will do health assessment and put together the final report to the town. Cindy would like to get all the necessary documents by Oct 1st and then she and Nancy Smith of the Economic Development Committee will put together the next application for the "Planting and Maintenance" grant, so, still a lot to do, but things are on track.

Waugan Road: Randy and Cindy will walk the properties by the end of September to check out possibilities. Perhaps good spot for boat launch parking to ease congestion and get cars off the side of the road in that area. Perhaps Jim Connors to come speak with us about KLT's interest.

Randy spoke with Doug Beck of Recreational Trails Grant Program about possible trails at **Camp Cobbossee** and Whittier Woods. Randy will contact folks at Camp Cobbossee.

Monmouth Fair: The MonmCC table at the fair went very well. We gave away and ran out of most of the brochures we brought and we spoke with many interested folks. Kennebec Land Trust let us borrow their big map of conserved properties in Kennebec County and also gave us many copies of their various brochures to add to our new Monmouth Trails brochure. *Herb made a **motion** to reimburse Cindy \$20 for the \$5/day entrance fee each day of the fair; Randy seconded; all voted in favor.*

Herb will ask Town Manager Curt Lunt about putting an ad in the Community Advertiser for a new commissioner. Bob officially resigned in June.

Cindy said Curt Lunt asked if the CC would give updates once in a while to the Selectboard about our activities – like the department head reports. He said they might appreciate that. Cindy is forwarding the MonmCC minutes to Curt who forwards them to the Selectboard.

Cindy noticed there is a Monmouth Shoreland Zoning map that might be useful to us. Discussion. *Cindy made a **motion** to approve up to \$100 expenditure to Paul Ruopp for a copy of the Monmouth Shoreland Zoning map; Randy seconded; all voted in favor.*

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:30pm.

The next meeting of the Monmouth Conservation Commission is September 15, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Monmouth Municipal Office.

Recorded by
Cindy Parker, Monmouth CC Secretary