

## MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes– February 10, 2015

The Monmouth Conservation Commission (CC) met at the Monmouth Municipal Office on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Present were Commissioners Bob Mulliken, Cindy Parker, Randy Schiller and Larry Buggia; guest speaker Jean-Luc Theriault, Stewardship Coordinator of Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) and guest Karen Camp. Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director of KLT was also invited yet unable to attend. Meeting began at 7:00pm.

**KLT Mapping:** Jean-Luc gave us handouts describing KLT's mission, land conservation values, current KLT conservation programs and specific work they are doing. Among those KLT tasks, it is suggested to meet with town CC's to: (1) see if conservation across towns is desirable; (2) discuss parcels considered to have greatest conservation potential; (3) develop a work plan together. He brought maps showing "KLT Conservation Analysis Composite Values," which includes 10 individual maps valued specifically for things such as "Undeveloped Shoreline," "Prehistoric Significance," etc. We found these maps very interesting. KLT is able to give us the data maps specific for Monmouth, not for other towns. Jean-Luc said he would send us maps of Monmouth with each of these layers on them, in a pdf format. He recommended we check out "Maine GIS" online. He also recommended we think about what is important to us as a CC and then to rank KLT's list of values with ours. Overall this was a very interesting and enlightening presentation and discussion. We gratefully thanked Jean-Luc for his time and the wonderful information. He left at 8:00pm.

**Minutes:** *Randy motioned to accept the minutes of January as presented; Larry seconded. All voted yes.*

**Project Canopy:** Cindy reported we are expecting to hear the award notice by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, and we're very optimistic about receiving it. Randy has worked to put together the information Harold Burnett requested from the Excel spreadsheet property database from Laurie. Cindy and Randy each have a copy of this. The Excel list for Harold may require some tweaking, but it is in good shape. Cindy and Nancy Smith will work on the public relations/outreach content together and get feedback and final okay from the EDC, the CC and the town manager. Discussion of content and form. Randy said it's good to be aware of not just what we say, but why we're saying it. Larry said it's good to define ourselves and the project first, up front, so as to not let other people define us or what we're doing.

**Community Gardens:** Bob placed an ad in the Community Advertiser and on Buddy Floyd's Monmouth email notification. Bob stated four is the minimum number of gardeners for the project and 4 people so far have called Bob about it and would like to participate. The organizing/administration committee now consists of Penny Ackley (Monmouth Garden Club), Pam Mulliken (Bob's wife and President of the Monmouth Garden Club), Cindy, and Bob. Ann Roundy has said yes to using the land by the Vestry and Ken Findley of the funeral home has said yes to using his land. Bob said if 10 people come forward, finding a larger area can be explored. The ads will be placed again twice in February and twice in March.

**Mapping/Town Indexing:** Cindy used a test color scheme for various categories of land on the town maps for what we've defined so far. Randy will ask Paul Roupp to add colors to the on-line maps.

Larry reported that Lloyd McCabe has signed the **Coal Shed property** deed over to the town and has given it to Curtis Lunt, town manager.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Municipal building.  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**