

**Manchester Conservation Commission**  
**January 5, 2012**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Manchester Conservation Commission (CC) met on Thursday January 5, 2011 at the Manchester Town Office at 7:00 PM. Members present included Chair Jeff Janell, Annie Reiter, Garry Hinkley, Deb Plengey, Stephanie Ralph and Fred Snow (associate)

The next meeting will be at 7 PM on **Thursday February 2, 2012** at the Town Office.

1. The minutes of the December meeting were not available for approval. Will approve at February meeting.
2. Recreational Trails Program Grant Application:
  - a. Commission approved a motion to reimburse Annie and Stephanie for grant copying expenses.
  - b. Garry met with Paul from the snowmobile club and reviewed rerouting the trail to discontinue riding on KLT trails in Gannett Woods. Discussed the opportunities and impacts of rerouting the snowmobile trails north of Scribner Hill Road as well.
  - c. Discussed posting signs, using snow fence to control access until the trails are ready.
  - d. Commission members will walk the project on Monday January 16, 2012 to look at the snowmobile routes.
  - e. Annie will continue research/working on grants to fund the \$4500 “match” for the RTP grant.
3. Roadside Cleanup
  - a. Do we want to do this in 2012? Commission discussed their concern about the reduced participation in recent years. Pat has indicated that the budget item for pre-release must be used for roadside cleanup. Commission decided “yes” to proceed with Roadside Cleanup in 2012.
  - b. Commission will do more outreach to get teams and groups from area businesses and schools to participate. Members agreed to write letters to local businesses asking them to participate. Jeff offered to draft a letter:
    - i. Fred will call Cassie Ouellette of J&S Oil
    - ii. Ask Doug to contact Baptist Church and Lakeside Orchard
    - iii. Stephanie will call John Jennings of Forgotten Stone Works
    - iv. Deb will contact Longfellows.
    - v. Gary will contact the cub scouts and Tom Bartol about Meadow Hill Road.
    - vi. Jeff will call other churches.
    - vii. Fred suggested sending a letter to other town committees asking them to field a cleanup team
  - c. Date is April 28, 2012
4. Comp Plan Update: The Commission acknowledged that it needs to start considering “how” we are going to do these activities. The Commission reviewed a summary document put together by Jeff. Commission reviewed implementation responsibilities and noted that activities were missing. Need to check for *Conservation Commission* in the strategy sections in addition to the implementation section.
  - a. Stephanie offered to download the document and search for Conservation Commission or “CC”.
  - b. Deb recommended soliciting landowners to see what is helpful to them.
  - c. Jeff will circle back to the definition of *significant natural resource*.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Reiter