

Manchester Conservation Commission
February 2, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The Manchester Conservation Commission (CC) met on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at the Manchester Town Office at 7:00 PM. Members present included Chair Jeff Janell, Garry Hinkley, Deb Plengey, Stephanie Ralph and Fred Snow (associate). Also present was Martha Nielsen from the Board of Selectmen.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7 PM on Thursday, March 2, 2012 at the Town Office. (A snow storm caused the meeting to be rescheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012.)

The December and January minutes were not available for approval and will be considered at the next meeting.

1. News of interest: Reported plan to produce diesel fuel from solid waste at Hatch Hill.
 - a. Disadvantages include no benefit to towns except reduced costs of expansion; discourages recycling although glass and metal might be extracted; and no curbside pickup
 - b. Manchester's current contract for the silver bullet is for 5 years.
2. Comp Plan hearing and incorporating IF&W feedback
 - a. Manchester Comp Plan has been approved by the State Planning Office with optional suggestions
 - b. Town received minimal public comments.
 - c. Public hearing in March and vote at June Town Meeting
 - d. Jeff will write up some suggested language for the Natural Resources section to add the Belgrade esker, also called the Summer Haven Ponds, and southwestern corner of Cobbossee as significant resources which include such features as kettle ponds, etc. He will also suggest adding fishing resources to the recreation or water profiles.
3. Update on trails grant. Annie is not optimistic about approval because state funding appears to be very limited.
4. Rerouting the snowmobile trail.
 - a. NEF has approved the proposed change.
 - b. Need to contact private landowners Dudley about creating a full loop trail and Moses about a bridge over the stream
5. Planning for roadside clean-up on April 28th
 - a. Jeff will draft a letter to local businesses and see if Tina can send it out.
 - b. CC members will follow up with specific businesses as noted at the January meeting.
 - c. Expect Pat to arrange for dumpster and help from Pre-Release
 - d. Gary will contact Dave Worthing to see if the Lions Club would help out.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Ralph