

Manchester Conservation Commission
March 8, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The Manchester Conservation Commission (CC) met on Thursday March 8, 2012 at the Manchester Elementary School library at 7:00 PM. Members present included Chair Jeff Janell, Annie Reiter, Garry Hinkley, Stephanie Ralph and Fred Snow (associate)

The next meeting will be at 7 PM on **Thursday April 5, 2012** at the Town Office.

1. The minutes from the February meeting were not available for approval. Stephanie agreed to type up for approval at the April meeting.
2. Shedd Pond Trails Project
 - a. Annie reported that there are no RTP grant funds for Maine this year. The Shedd Pond grant application will not be funded. However, another grant opportunity from Fields Pond Foundation may be a good fit. Annie agreed to call the foundation to discuss the grant proposal. This foundation DOES fund municipalities.
 - b. The Boy Scouts have offered to help with trail work at Shedd Pond. Contact is Pat Coutroue and Harry Lanphear.
 - c. Commission continued discussion about adjusting the trail locations.
3. Fire Station Park
 - a. Stephanie is on the committee and provided a report which included draft drawings.
 - b. The plans are going before the next Board of Selectman's meeting. Commission members are encouraged to attend.
 - c. Jeff agreed to write up a statement reflecting what the Commissions values. Garry made a motion:
 - i. The Conservation Commission desires that the Fire Stations Park design NOT have an impervious surface, be safe for walking and driving, keep it green.Stephanie seconded the motion.
4. February 28, 2012 Selectman's Meeting: Jeff attended the February 28, 2012 Selectman's meeting and gave them an update on the Conservation Commission's activities.
 - a. Jeff showed our evolving plan for the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan update.
 - b. The Selectmen asked Jeff about solid waste. Jeff repeated the position of the Conservation Commission as represented in a letter to the Selectmen two years ago. PPB was discussed.
 - c. The Select Board remains in favor of the Silver Bullet. They are looking to put out a contract for a single hauler, it did not include PPB but did include recycling options.
 - d. Garry offered to help Pat write the RFI to send to the haulers. Garry will call Pat.
5. Roadside Cleanup
 - a. Many members of the Commission are not available on the scheduled date of April 28th. The Commission agreed to move the event to May 5th.
 - b. Fred agreed to follow up with Cassie Babb about the assistance from J&S. We'd like them to focus on Puddledock Road. What are they providing for people, food, trucks? Ask if we can publicize the event on their sign.
 - c. Annie agreed to do publicity again this year including placing ads in the school newsletter, Manchester Messenger, Community Advertiser, KJ, and white signs at the stop light.
 - d. Garry agreed to follow up with Dave Worthing of the Lions Club.

- e. Jeff agreed to follow up with Pat Couture and Doug (re: Lakeside Orchards) and provide an inventory list of supplies needed to Stephanie.
 - f. Stephanie agreed to purchase gloves, bags, etc as needed.
6. Comp Plan Update: Annie, Deb, and Jeff attended the most recent Comp Plan meeting where public comments were reviewed and acted upon. There were no negative changes/impacts on commission's position.
 7. Jeff asked the commission to start thinking about the next year which starts July 1 and to consider the goals for 2012/2013. Jeff indicated that he would be stepping down as chair. Garry agreed to move up to chair. Commission needs to continue recruiting efforts for new members.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Reiter