

Manchester Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting, August 6, 2015

1. Garry Hinkley called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. On August 6, 2015.
Attending: Garry Hinkley, Jeff Reardon, Deb Plengey, Shenna Bellows, Annie Reiter
2. Minutes of May meeting were approved.
3. Election of Officers: The following officers were nominated and elected:
Garry Hinkley, Chair, Deborah Plengey, Vice Chair, Shenna Bellows, Secretary
4. Report by Garry Hinkley about meeting with the Board of Selectmen: The meeting went well. Garry broached the idea of a pilot project whereby the town would minimize the use of pesticides as a demonstration project, and they seemed open to the idea potentially. They are pleased with our work. They are interested in having us update our open space map. Jeff Janell is working on that.
5. Discussed town beach recommendation from town meeting.
6. New members: Garry is in discussion with Jim Cumming who works for DEP and is potentially interested in joining the commission, but now is not a good time. The commission is still seeking a seventh member.
7. Grant opportunities: Annie prepared a list of grants on the horizon that might be open to us. We discussed the Healthy Living organizations grant due before September 1. Garry is going to contact Virginia Vincent on behalf of the Mountain Bike Club about the Landowner Appreciation Clean-up Contest for a potential Summerhaven clean-up. We determined that we need to wait on the Davis and LL Bean grants until we find funding for our trail consultant to do the trail survey. We'll place them on the 2016 calendar. Garry is interested in potentially requesting another RTP grant for the Allan Hill parcel. For Part 1, we need to get a trail crew to reclaim a couple miles of trail using even potentially a bush hog and erect better trail signage, and for Part 2, we need to build a couple of bridges by the pond. Annie and Garry will pursue a pre-application field review with RTP.
8. Planning board update: The property across from Myrtle has already been approved for a subdivision, but it's unclear what the new opening is for. The big question is a potential subdivision of ten lots at 492 Pond Road. The planning board is waiting for an application. There is a woman in town who has a petition to stop the subdivision.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:12. Our next meeting is September 3.