

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 1-8-08 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In Attendance: Carroll Curtis, Kelsey Purinton, Verla Brooks, Jessica Ireton-Hewitt, Ross Cunningham. Absent: Jack Arndt. Guests: Bart & Diane Ford plus Jane Long, Priscilla Davis, and Jessica Morrill of Altrusa International, Pejepsot chapter. Mrs. Long and two other members of Altrusa International attended the meeting and presented a basket of reference books to the Conservation Commission for Beaver Park. A wide selection of books and bird call recordings will be valued for the new Library being built in Pine Lodge at Beaver Park. Verla will send a thank-you note. December minutes were approved with corrections. OLD BUSINESS: Verla showed Commission members a map that shows where the two pieces of property are located that may be foreclosed on. The properties are 7.84 acres and 5.25 acres and do border the park boundaries. No new information is known on these properties. Capital Improvements had minor changes. The Park truck was bumped up to 2008 for replacement. The town vehicles are now all leased not purchased. The Park road improvements was pushed back as it was not considered essential at this time. NEW BUSINESS: Ross displayed his power point presentation he worked on for transportation, recycling, heating, and energy conservation. Each topic will be shown individually as a Public Service Announcement on television. The Lisbon Ledger wanted to charge an advertising fee and it was suggested to do it as a news story like other coverage we have had and not been charged for. Kelsey said she had been able to obtain information on the Lisbon Connection online in regards to the Bus schedule. However, Ross discovered that there are some legal technicalities to putting information on a website and that will be looked into further. Jessica will contact the Trail committee to see what the time frame is for planting trees along a new section of trail. Beaver Park was going to donate some trees for this project. Verla suggested that the Commission do a survey to the community in regards to Summer Street Park. This would be a way to find out what the public and neighborhood wants to see done and what the best use of the park is. This will be further explored. The Conservation budget was discussed. It was thought that the budget should be increased by \$100.00 annually. This would enable members to attend some educational programs to better equip them for town projects. Ross volunteered to attend the town council meeting to justify the change. The Parks budget was also discussed. The Parks biggest expense on the budget is salary. Annually this cost is offset by rental revenues and park user fees. A small portion of the ball park erosion project would come from maintenance and the difference from the wood lot funds. Gasoline would also need to be increased. Carroll had two emails from MEACC (Maine Association of Conservation Commissions). The first was in regards to a meeting on Thursday, January 24th from 6-8 p.m. in Falmouth. The topic for discussion will be centered on the Charting of Maine's Future. The second email from MEACC was for Open Space Planning. This will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Augusta City Hall from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Purinton.