

## **Meeting Minutes - York Conservation Commission**

**Date: July 10, 2012**

**Attending: Dave Tibbets, Ana Gray, Mike Mahlman**

- 1- Minutes from June 12 meeting were accepted.
- 2- A slate vote was held for Conservation Commission officers for this fiscal year, 2012-2013. Vote was 3-0 in favor of: Chairman- Dave Tibbets, Treasurer- Ana Gray, Secretary- Mike Mahlman.
- 3- We reviewed our most recent 2011-2012 budget report.
- 4- We discussed in detail a recent suggestion made to the Conservation Commission involving regulation of wildlife feeding. There is no current ordinance on wildlife feeding in York and the suggestion was to create one. The state of Maine is in charge of all game animals but there is no state law for feeding animals except during the hunting season. In general wildlife feeding is not recommended with the exception of birds(except seagulls). The main concern in York for animal feeding involves the seagulls at the beaches. We concluded that any wildlife feeding ordinance in York would be not be supported by state law and unenforceable. Dave T. will contact the department of Parks and Recreation to discuss what actions would be appropriate to better educate the public on the issue of feeding gulls at the beach.
- 5- We will discuss at our next meeting on August 14 projects for the new fiscal year.