

Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 17, 2009

Vernal Pools

- What are the dates for the visits and the field trips? Coming up soon, ie this month
- How many, what size, T-Shirts? We have 3M, 13L, 3XL.
- Call Audubon Society to see if inexpensive digital survey technology is available yet.

Maine Land Trust Conference

- May 1 & 2
- We have a pamphlet describing the conference
- Some great workshops, eg trailmaking!
- Who wants to go? We will need to decide.

Conservation Booklet

- Ronnie and Alison at the school are preparing booklets.
- They will be used in the 3rd and 4th grades!

Alternative Energy/Energy Efficiency

- Bob Reyes gave a wonderful powerpoint slide presentation of his and Jean's visit to Saco to view some interesting things the town has done with alternative energy.
- Town of Saco website contains a lot of interesting information on alternative energy.
- Eric Cote, a Saco councilperson, gave them a tour.
- Eric and the former mayor were responsible for arranging the town's use of alternative energy.
- Bob took pictures and made nice slide show.
- Wind Turbines
 - 100' turbine
 - 200K
 - Requires very significant foundation
 - Needs strong wind to turn
 - Very noisy
 - Smaller 30 turbine
 - \$9000 plus installation
 - 5kwhr
 - Public works department uses what energy it needs then if there is extra it is bought by the power grid
- Could we put the ppt on the town website?
- Saco and Georgetown both have ordinances
 - To protect people who want to explore alternative energy from suits other potential problems with trying something new.
 - Bob will look into what these towns thought they needed for ordinances

Jean reported on Cool Communities Forum

- Interested in a bill on energy efficiency
- 100 bills have been submitted relating to energy efficiency and alternative energy
- Retrofitting houses to be energy efficient
- Money from government available
- Community colleges will be trained to install