

Westmoreland Conservation Commission

October 13, 2022 (unapproved) minutes

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Present : Marshall Patmos, April Ferguson, Jon Lounsbury, Perry Sawyer, Jeanette Hubert, Doug Oatley, Jean Rudolph

Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

We have received an updated Planning Manual from SW Regional Planning Commission. It is available for review should any of the members wish to review it. Dues to NH Association of Conservation Commissions (\$250) have been authorized. Members are encouraged to attend the Nov 5 annual meeting.

We reviewed a draft letter to Steve Horton requesting written responses to environmental concerns with construction of the new fire station. We continue in our confidence that he is following the appropriate State and Federal requirements and has answered many of our questions but agrees with the Commission that a written response is a good idea to keep a formal record. Suggested changes were made to the draft letter that April prepared and will be discussed at our November meeting.

2023 budget requests are due to the Selectmen's office November 14.

With the success of the April roadside clean-up thanks to the efforts of Jon Lounsbury, Andy Mackey and the Westmoreland school, we are going to request \$150 for materials, promotion, incentives and other items that might be needed to enhance the effort. Supplies for mailings etc , potential public sessions promotions ref conservation land \$50 Attendance at State Conservation training meetings \$150. Further information will be considered at our next meeting.

We would like to renew efforts to work with Cheshire County to help conserve the 600 acres of land and perhaps re-establish the river trail system.

As always, we need to review and organize our files.

A discussion of our transfer station ensued following reports of continued positive water testing downslope. There are apparently a number of procedural changes that can make it more environmentally friendly, decrease expenses and even provide revenue to the town. We assume the recycling and solid waste committee is considering many of the options.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 10, 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marshall Patmos