

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
December 8, 2022 (unapproved minutes)

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Commission continued its review of a letter to the town's fire station management consultant Steve Horton. The finalized 14 item letter requests answers to address the many concerns about potentially hazardous waste, water and soil contamination, water runoff, downstream impacts, long term town liability. A letter to the town was included from Cheshire County Facilities Manager, Bruce Harrison concerning working with the NH Department of Environmental Services Drinking and Groundwater Bureau. (The letter wasn't sent referring directly to the fire station but to town's people in general)

As we have noted before, we are confident in Steve's attention and compliance with the variety of State and Federal regulations regarding a project such as this one. Marshall will prepare the final draft and deliver it to Steve.

Our 2023 budget request has been submitted for \$600.

Apparently the Monadnock North Rail Trail Committee needs funds to purchase a mower for maintenance and improvement of the trail. Any thoughts of contributions or donation of equipment would be appreciated. Perhaps businesses along the trail may be interested. Donations are deductible. Contact Dan Shelley (603)762-0279 for details.

Our Conservation Fund currently has about \$65000 in it. The fund receives 10% of land use penalties when property is taken out of current use assessment. The money is used to fund a portion of permanent land conservation easements on qualified property. Other sources normally fund the majority of easement costs.

There was a brief discussion concerning the asbestos dump next to the road going up to Maplewood nursing home. Not sure if warning signs are at the site or not.

Information for the 2022 Town Report is due by January 9, 2023.

The Selectboard is planning to have joint meetings with the various boards (planning, zoning, conservation, etc.) in town to discuss various issues and procedures. One informative meeting has already been held. The groups have been asked a preferred time to have such meetings, We unanimously decided that Thursday evenings at 7 PM would be best for us. Marshall will notify the town of our decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Marshall Patmos