

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting

March 9, 2023 (unapproved minutes)

Present: Marshall Patmos, Jon Lounsbury, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Continued discussion of Conservation Easements-Marshall met with the Monadnock Conservancy and shared fact sheets with those present. They are willing to come to a meeting and a public presentation in order to encourage participation when we have our promotional activities. County farm property continues to be an important land conservation parcel. According to the Conservancy, the 48 acre Goodrums Crossing Realty Trust property is still a valid project under consideration with funding options being worked on.

Updating the 2016 Westmoreland Master Plan will be started this year. Marshall, April and Jon have volunteered to assist with the update. Marshall will let Lauren Bressett, planning board chair, of their interest. The Commission was very active in past plan preparations and has a large amount of resource, soil, land ownership, wetland, legislative, ecological information to assist with the planning.

Relative to material including, maps, fact sheets, reports, legislative info, publications, etc. the Commission decided to set aside some time (perhaps ½ hour) at our meetings to review and organize, the large amount of data we have available and perhaps digitize some of the material. Review to be scheduled by category such as cons easements, fire station data, natural resource ecological land/soil data, legal federal/state regulatory data, roadside cleanup, special projects, etc.

-----A discussion of public participation in town affairs pointed to a real problem. Notification of events, meetings and public hearings should be addressed with perhaps additional sources of information such as a regular paper and electric newsletter, separate notice of info sources included with bills (prop tax-vehicle). Perhaps larger notification signs outside the town hall-perhaps at the transfer station.

Marshall will check with Steve Horton re written response to fire station issues.

Jon Lounsbury is moving ahead with the Spring roadside cleanup involving the school and others. There is a concern of material that has been disposed of off Rte 63 across from Warwick Preserve. John will bring a map of the roads that have been served by the project at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 13 @ 7pm
Submitted by Marshall Patmos