

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
June 8, 2023 (unapproved minutes)

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

Minutes of the May, 11, 2023 were approved.

Marshall reported that he attended (along with Barry Schonbeck, abutting landowner) a select board meeting re construction of a berm along a waterway at the end of London Crossroad built by Larkin Construction. The selectboard determined there was no violation of wetland regulations but that the landowner needed approval from the Planning Board since it involved expansion of a parking area.

There was continued discussion of biosolid composting material on local farmland and concerns of possible Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFA'S) "forever chemicals" in the material. The Commission will continue to search for and review information to determine if there is action we should pursue on behalf of the town.

April, Marshall and Jon have volunteered to be members of the group working on the updated town master plan which will be done in a year or more. The commission has an abundance of material that will help with the effort.

We reviewed some of the material provided by the town re roadside tree/vegetation maintenance and will continue to pursue the issue of hazardous trees/branches along the town roads.

The Commission decided to participate in Old Home Day with an exhibit on topics including natural resources, land conservation and management, wetland/water issues. Jon and or April will contact the committee for details for us to set up.

Land management, natural resources areas of interest in town, permanent land conservation including possible mailings and public information sessions are still of interest for the Commission to pursue this year. There was also a discussion of the importance of a town newsletter of sorts in addition to the website/facebook etc to keep residents informed of events/meetings/inquiries etc in town.

We continued to review/sort/discard the abundant material we have in the Commission file cabinet and tentatively set up some preliminary files to sort through again. There is still much to review including correspondence, regulations, handbooks, maps and miscellaneous material from private, state and federal sources. The effort will continue to take considerable effort to get it all sorted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm- -next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023 at 7 pm.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos

