

## Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting

February 3, 2022 minutes

Present: Marshall Patmos (Chair), April Ferguson, Jeanette Hubert, Perry Sawyer, Jean Rudolf, Dick Schmidt

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

April made a motion to approve our draft January meeting minutes, seconded by Jean, and approved by all attendees.

The Commission reviewed the "2022 Excavation Permit Application (renewal)" by Graves Trucking, Inc., as sent to the Planning Board on January 12. The application is for the seven-year renewal of operations of the quarry at the north edge of town. The package included a bound application and several large maps. The entire application was distributed among members for review, with all portions shared. No concerns were stated.

Regarding the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Perry reported that the relicensing process for four power dams in our region, as conducted every 40 years, is nearing completion. A major environmental improvement will be the reduction of the intentional variation of water levels for power generation. We provided input into the process a number of months ago.

Marshall spoke to the need for additional members for the Commission, while welcoming current members to support the rail trail committee. Those present wish to continue receiving communications from various relevant organizations forwarded to them by Marshall rather than be put on their mailing lists.

Several topics were discussed spontaneously – the upcoming meeting and vote on a new fire station, our \$450 budget submittal, conservation of the 600 acre county farm property, conservation information sessions for landowners, Westmoreland agricultural committee, scheduling a roadside cleanup again for this year and SWRPC efforts to reduce future storm damage.

At 9:40 AM Jean moved to adjourn, seconded by April, all in favor.

The next WCC meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Town Hall.

Submitted by Richard Schmidt