

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
January 6, 2022 (unapproved minutes)

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM.

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

Marshall distributed his draft of the annual town report. Following discussion, attendees supported his draft for inclusion in the town report.

Regarding the letter that we mailed last month to 54 abutters of the rail trail; Marshall noted that only one was returned by USPS as undeliverable. Marshall mentioned an upcoming Rail Trail Advisory Committee meeting in case any members would be interested in participating. Several landowners that received our informational letter have expressed an interest in participating and have signed up with the group.

Marshall informed attendees of a recent letter received from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NH Division of Forests and Lands), granting variances to 2 landowners regarding removing more than 50% of the basal area within 100 feet of a perennial stream.

Other items discussed included perhaps another land conservation/conservation easement educational effort to landowners to help retain the rural and productive character of the town including an effort to encourage the conservation of the 640-acre County Farm ownership. We discussed the fire department concerns and washing of vehicles. Apparently, there are no provisions to wash and share disposal of contaminated water with the town vehicles.

Marshall noted the need for additional WCC members and encouraged all to help in the search.

At 9:50 AM Perry moved to adjourn, seconded by April, all in favor.

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

Submitted by Richard Schmidt