

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES

03-14-2024

Chairman Perry Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

In attendance: Perry Sawyer, Jon Lounsbury, Anson Burt, April Ferguson, Alisha Powell, Stuart Adams, Jean Rudolph

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry.

Perry seated alternate Alisha Powell as a voting member.

Motion made by Anson to approve minutes from the 02-08-2024 Conservation meeting, second by Stuart, all approved without corrections.

Perry stated he has emailed Conservation Commission members information he has received from the Connecticut River Conservancy regarding dam re-licensing on the Connecticut River. The process deadline is April 22, 2024.

Jon reported the annual Roadside Clean-up will take place on April 13, 2024 as the date will not conflict with school vacation week and brush growth along the roads should not be advanced enough to impede trash retrieval. He will be purchasing three (3) caution signs for traffic awareness and safety. The Westmoreland PTA will be teaming up with the project which will begin at the school at 9AM. April made a motion to expend between \$197.00 - \$250.00 for the signs, Anson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Perry continues to email bio-solids information to members as he gets it. He briefly discussed news of electron bombardment which results in a conversion to carbon dioxide as a means of clean up.

There was no update of the 48 acre Monadnock Conservancy in town due to vacation conflicts at the Conservancy. Perry will continue looking into this.

There is no update regarding the South Village Road pond we have discussed. Anson noted it appears to be the development of a lawn abutting the pond.

New Business: Selectman John Snowdon spoke to Perry about hiking trails in Westmoreland and would like to see the Conservation Commission team up with the Recreation Committee. April reminded everyone we have previously discussed this topic (please refer to the minutes from our 12-14-2023 meeting). Perry said he and John had discussed County property for a boat landing, picnic area and hiking trails. John indicated that money may be available from Southwest Regional Planning for development. It was mentioned that County administrators and Commissioners would need to be brought into the discussion.

Observations and conversation about town road culverts and restrictions regarding level to tip drainage as well as sizing ensued. All agreed our Road Agent handles these regulations well and incorporates good ditching practices to achieve the best results possible.

Motion made by Anson to adjourn, second by Jon. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Ferguson, Secretary