

# WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

01-11-2024

Chairman Perry Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

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

Guests present: Sally Chickering, Alison Chickering, Peter Heines, Frank Hunter

The pledge of allegiance was led by Perry.

Perry seated alternate Alisha Powell as there were two member absences.

Motion by Perry and second by Anson to approve the minutes from the 12-14-2023 Conservation meeting. Motion was approved without any corrections.

A webinar from NHACC featuring Amy Russo, NHDES coordinator for PFAS, as well as a reminder to review the NH Farm Bureau report, "Overview – PFAS and Pesticide Seed" had been emailed to WCC members prior to this meeting.

Perry handed out a correspondence regarding application of biosolids on a farm with land abutting the Connecticut River. He then gave general background information regarding biosolids/PFAS and stressed the importance of following the ongoing scientific studies currently being conducted which will eventually form regulations for use on national, state and local levels.

Stuart asked about protocol for using biosolids, Perry cited permitting process which includes "Best Management Practices".

April asked where the NH Dept. of Agriculture stood on the topic – Alisha volunteered to contact them to get current information.

Alison Chickering was recognized and spoke about the negative aspects of spreading biosolids. She related first hand experience as well as citing national studies which included Maine and NH. Sally Chickering encouraged a warrant article be drafted and signed to prohibit use of biosolids in the Town of Westmoreland.

Alison closed by handing out three information sheets pertaining to PFAS.

A project which appears to be depositing silt in a Town owned pond on South Village Road was brought to our attention and discussed. Perry will refer the issue to the Selectmen.

Anson made motion to adjourn, Jean seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

April Ferguson, Secretary