

Westmoreland Conservation Commission meeting  
November 8, 2018 minutes

Present: Marshall Patmos, Mary Bradley, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer, Dick Schmidt, John Lukin,  
Jim Ranson

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am

Minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

With no major changes for the coming year, continued land conservation program, training and environmental responsibilities as charged by NH RSA 36-A the Commission will be requesting a budget the same as last year, \$650. Those present voted to purchase a digital projector from this years' budget.

The Commission has heard nothing further from the state concerning Hampton Fish Company issue.

There has been some wetland concerns expressed about the town property behind the town hall. The Commission will look into the concern.

There was considerable discussion about the river trail on County property and those (Marshall, Mary, April, Dick) that walked it a couple weeks ago felt there is considerable work needed to get it back in shape, cleared etc, and some real recreational benefits to its rehabilitation. A number of groups including the Commission, Cheshire County government, Connecticut River Conservancy are interested in its rehabilitation. There is also interest in locating a boat (canoe/kayak) ramp. Cooperative Extension, NH Fish and Game, Conservation District, trail clubs, Antioch and Westmoreland Elementary school would certainly be interested in getting involved. The Commission should start organizing an effort to get different groups together to consider possibilities.

According to Stacey Cibula , Monadnock Conservancy, the conservation easement on the Chickering property on Route 63 is still in process with all information submitted and being reviewed at the federal level with possible approval by late December. The Commission has to schedule a public hearing prior to expending funds for the project. The Conservation fund currently has a balance of \$69,074.10. Marshall will make arrangements with Monadnock Conservancy and the town in scheduling a public hearing.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 6, 2018 at 8:30 at the town hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

Submitted by Marshall Patmos