

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
October 7, 2021 (unapproved minutes)

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

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

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

Marshall has been contacted by Jason Kats about conserving a portion of property. He would like to permanently conserve 1-2 acres of a 17-acre parcel in the Park Hill area. He has been in contact with an organization that will plant and permanently manage the conserved area with fruit trees. He was told that he had to subdivide the parcel to conserve it. We had no problem with his plans and didn't feel he had to subdivide to conserve the parcel but had to identify/survey the area. Marshall had referred him to the Monadnock Conservancy for assistance. Marshall will contact him for more information.

Much discussion addressed a draft letter to the Selectboard regarding the proposed firehouse. It was agreed that the letter should address conservation issues first, and then identify other input from resident discussions. It was agreed that the issue of pile driving for a stable foundation in a wetland would be included since the foundation issue had been made public. We agreed that more information is needed. Marshall will send a letter to the selectboard with a copy to Tom Finnegan requesting a meeting to discuss some of our concerns.

Regarding our letter to abutters of the rail trail, we decided to send a modified map for attachment.

Marshall noted that the conservation fund was at \$60,667 at his latest check.

Those in attendance approved payment of our dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

The next WCC meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Thursday, November 4 at Town Hall.

Submitted by Richard Schmidt