

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
September 5, 2019 minutes (unapproved)

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM.

The minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Marshall noted that Stacey Cibula of Monadnock Conservancy has been promoted to Deputy Director. The Conservancy is seeking a new employee to fill the vacancy.

The Westmoreland Community Garden on River Road was discussed. It is run by Antioch University. They are having a good harvest and have after-school programs. Mary noted that her work at Westmoreland School has demonstrated to students the benefits of gardening in a vegetable garden at the school. Mary was lauded for her work at the school including the garden, trail and woodland assistance.

A new garage adjacent to the river on Ferry Road was discussed. Previously, minimal setbacks from the Connecticut River and the Ferry Road had been approved by Westmoreland for the house. Marshall had attended a zoning Board meeting in May to emphasize the restrictions under the NH Shoreland Protection Act for such construction near the river. Members were unsure of the subsequent permitting process because the Commission was not included in any mailings of applications/approvals. During the meeting Marshall acquired copies of the NH Shoreland Protection Act Permit, which was then reviewed by the members.

Marshall presented the "Draft for a Temporary Permit" from the NHDES Air Resources Division for the new systems at Maplewood Nursing Home. The DES approved the replacement of two oil-fired boilers with one wood-fired boiler burning dried wood chips. One emergency generator will be replaced with two diesel units. Maplewood is also installing two new propane-fired boilers that are below permitting thresholds, that is, do not require a permit. The propane units are for supplemental heating. The temporary permit identifies pollution control equipment (multicyclone), emissions limits, monitoring, testing, record keeping and reporting requirements. An engineering analysis identifies emissions in potential tons per year for each source. Installation is shown as "Fall 2019".

The Commission reviewed a NHDES air emission report for Polyonics at the industrial park on Rte 12.

The Commission is anticipating membership changes and, as always, welcomes input from interested individuals.

Those present decided for now to keep our meetings scheduled for the 1st Thursday of the month at 8:30 am. The next WCC meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Town Hall.

Following a motion by Mary, a second by Perry, and full support, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Submitted by Richard Schmidt