

**Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
January 12, 2023 (unapproved minutes)**

Present: Marshall Patmos, Perry Sawyer, Doug Oatley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of 12/8/22 to be approved at next meeting.

Our 2023 budget request of \$600 has been submitted along with the Commission report for the town's annual report. There's been a question concerning retention of unexpended funds from one year to the next. Marshall will research.

Perry gave an update concerning the Connecticut River Conservancy hydro dam 40 year relicensing. There is a Jan 26 meeting of the Wantastiquat committee to discuss this and several other issues.

The conservation easement on the 48-acre property of the Chickering Goodrums Crossing Realty Trust on Route 63 is still in the works. We have not received a recent update.

A letter to Steve Horton, the town's fire station management consultant, concerning written responses to concerns been sent and positively received and accepted.

There was a quick question of whether Dig Safe has ever been notified of the asbestos dump off the access road up to Maplewood Nursing Home.

There was discussion of various trails and outdoor recreation opportunities in town and how a survey of them would be a great opportunity. Involvement of various groups such as the school, historical society, snowmobile club, land boards, the commission , etc. and interested citizens would provide valuable land-use, conservation information for Westmoreland.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm -next meeting scheduled for Feb 9 @ 7 pm.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos