

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

06-05-2025

In attendance: Perry Sawyer, April Ferguson, Anson Burt, Nancy Zeller, Joy Fletcher, Paul Steblein

Meeting called to order by Perry Sawyer at 7:06 PM.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Perry.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made to approve June meeting minutes by April, second by Anson. All in favor.

Japanese Knotweed – Guest speaker Paul Steblein (pfsteblein@gmail.com)

- Presentation on Japanese Knotweed and Best Management Practices (BMPs) was led by Paul
- Recommendation: Treat small clumps fast, treat high risk areas, monitor & follow-up treatment, combine cutting and chemical use, time chemical use accordingly.
- Paul is looking for a level of commitment from Conservation Commission to manage knotweed
 - Discussed creating a 1-page, 2-sided FAQ sheet for BMPs and info on mitigation
 - Discussed looking for a licensed chemical applicator to join Conservation Commission meeting
 - Discussed reaching out to DOT
 - Discussed hosting a town forum for Q&A on the topic
- Discussion on partnership with state and local agencies to provide comprehensive strategy

Update on land easements for Monadnock Conservancy

- Perry has connected with Peter Throop from Monadnock Conservancy for update on Westmoreland property easements – should have more detailed updates in August.

Old Home Day (Aug 16th – 17th)

- Visual with updates from WCC on Japanese Knotweed – Paul Steblein to take the lead on creating this visual.
- Fliers available for info on conservation easements

WCC Communication Preferences

- Email with agenda week-of
- Group text ahead of time as reminder of meeting

New Business

- Settlement fund from build of new fire station – follow up with State permit representative - Sydney Gendreau.

April made a motion to adjourn at 8:30PM, second by Anson. All voted in affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Fletcher