

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES 5-14-2026

In attendance:

- Commission Members: Perry Sawyer, Anson Burt, April Ferguson, Jean Rudolph, Joy Fletcher, Jonathan Lounsbury (alternate)
- Community Members: Laurie Burt

Meeting called to order by Perry Sawyer at 6:04PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry

Seat any alternative

Anson made a motion to seat Jonathan as an alternative. Seconded by April. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Member update

- Nancy Zeller has resigned from the Commission.
- Jon Lounsbury will move from an Alternate to a Full member.
- Recruitment for new members will be ongoing.

Spring roadside cleanup check-in recap

- Jon provided a recap on the roadside cleanup support.
- Good participation from the community and new sections of road were added to the cleanup scope.
- Discussion on how to clean the Westmoreland section of Rte 12 - would require paying for a police detail to monitor.

Recommendation to Select Board on Japanese knotweed mitigation

- Anson made a motion to go into Executive session at 6:22PM. Motion seconded by April. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jon made a motion to come out of Executive session at 6:54PM. Motion seconded by April. Motion passed unanimously.
- April made a motion to go back into regular session at 6:55 PM. Motion seconded by Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Anson made a motion to submit the following statement to the Select Board: "The Conservation Commission does not endorse the widespread use of glyphosate for controlling Japanese knotweed on town property. We have collected information related to alternative mitigation approaches that we would be happy to share with the Select Board or any interested community member." Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- **Reminder about Watershed Day** - The Chesterfield Conservation Commission is hosting a Watershed Day on Saturday, May 23rd starting at 10am at the Chesterfield Town Hall.

Jon made a motion to adjourn at 7:05PM, seconded by April. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 11th at 6pm** at the Westmoreland Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Fletcher