

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES 02-12-2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Perry Sawyer at 7:05PM.

In attendance: Perry Sawyer, Jon Lounsbury, Jean Rudolph, Anson Burt, April Ferguson
Guest: Paul Steblein

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry.

Motion made by Anson to approve the minutes from November, second by Jon. All in favor.

Perry attended the Cheshire Conservation Commission annual meeting in November and gave a report about topics covered.

There has been no update provided by the Monadnock Conservancy regarding the parcel of land in Westmoreland being considered for conservation.

Guest Paul Steblein spoke about Japanese Knotweed. He has contacted the selectmen in Westmoreland requesting to demonstrate some control methods at the Westmoreland Transfer Station. He would like to work on this project in partnership with the Conservation Commission. He discussed his continuing research regarding this invasive plant and answered questions from Commission members. Holding a public forum for discussion was agreed would be beneficial. All seem to be in favor of moving forward with the plan. Paul will update about his continued research and plans.

Jon spoke about the annual Roadside Clean-up which is sponsored by the Conservation Commission. He set the date for April 19, 2025. Motion by Anson with second by Jean to once again give \$50.00 to buy gift cards for prizes. Perry will purchase the gift cards. Food and drinks will be provided for the event by the school PTA. Jon asked about purchasing reflective vests for the people collecting trash on the road sides.

New alternates and members for the Commission were discussed as we were unable to hold meetings in December 2024 and January 2025 due to lack of a quorum. Perry will ask the selectmen to approve a new member who has agreed to serve.

Anson made a motion to adjourn at 7:55. Second by Jon. All voted in affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
April Ferguson, Secretary