

Westmoreland Conservation Commission meeting  
August 11, 2022 minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Marshall Patmos, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer, Jeanette Hubert,  
Jon Lounsbury, Doug Oatley,

Minutes of July 28 meeting approved with suggested addition.

Perry reported that the Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee is planning an Oct 1 social at the Westmoreland County Garden at the County Farm.

We reviewed a newsletter from SW Reg Planning Commission concerning housing grants.

There are continued concerns about town liability should measures not be followed to prevent hazardous materials contamination from the proposed fire station. We still have not received communication from the Selectboard affirming the status. We have received positive feedback from consultant Steve Horton. We will contact him to see if he can schedule a meeting with us.

We reviewed the HBMI (hazardous building material inventory) as required by law before demolition of a building. It was done by RANSOM of Portsmouth NH and they found some hazardous material such as asbestos and possibly lead paint, Polychlorinated Biphenyls, mercury containing components, ozone depleting substances and heavy metals. All of which must be properly removed and disposed of before demolition can begin.

We reviewed the May 2021 wetlands and non-site specific permit #2020-03040 issued by NH Dept of Environmental Services and the 49 project specific conditions that have to be addressed. We're not sure how the conditions are or will be addressed in the planning process although our confidence in consultant Steve Horton is strong.

A number of groups and agencies have been initially contacted concerning protocol, contact info, regulations, etc. Among those contacted are the NH Municipal Association, NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Association of Conservation Commissions and the Environmental Protection Agency of New England. While we have had limited feedback so far, our members are planning to recontact individually with specific concerns and request practical and legal guidance for follow-up actions/activities as a Commission.

Those present agreed we will refine our communications to the groups/agencies at our next meeting which is scheduled for August 25 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos