

Westmoreland Conservation Commission meeting
September 8, 2022 (unapproved minutes)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

Minutes of the 8/25/22 meeting were approved

Those present reviewed the information that Steve Horton reviewed with us at our 8/25 meeting concerning “forever “chemicals and other hazardous materials present or produced with the construction and utilization of the new fire station. Water runoff remains a concern also. While Steve answered many of our questions and gave us confidence in his following State and Federal procedures, we decided to still send him a formal letter for his records. It will be similar to the 6/2/22 letter we sent to the Selectboard outlining many of the issues we were concerned about. April agreed to draft a letter for our review at our next meeting.

There was a review of some of the upcoming events/meetings of the Southwest Region Planning Commission.

We reviewed the letter of support that Marshall wrote supporting the proposed conservation easement of the Goodrum’s Crossing Realty Trust on route 63. Discussion ensued that we may want to sponsor a public presentation concerning conservation easements and perhaps a public mailing to landowners like what we have done in the past. The 600 acre Cheshire County property should be considered for an easement similar to the effort we pursued a number of years ago.

We reviewed again the need for us to schedule a time to review and organize our materials including maps, regulation information, communication materials, soils data and all the other extensive materials we have filed in our cabinet at the town office.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022 at 7:pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos

