

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
02-08-2024

Chairman Perry Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

In attendance: Perry Sawyer, Anson Burt, Stuart Adams, Jean Rudolph and April Ferguson

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry.

Motion by Anson with second by Stuart to accept the minutes from the 01-11-2024 Conservation meeting.
Motion was approved without corrections.

Biosolids update: Alisha Powell emailed information to members regarding biosolids and Best Management Practices from NHDES, Morning Ag, NH Dept. of Ag and a NH Map which showed areas of prior testing. She also spoke with Josh Marshall at the NH Dept. of Ag who said research and guidelines are currently being studied and will likely be coordinated with the NHDES. Conversation regarding this topic ensued with thanks to Alisha for providing good information as we continue our education.

Perry reported that he discussed the South Village Road pond project with the Selectmen and they are currently researching legalities regarding this. They will keep Perry informed.

Perry received a copy of the "NH Planning and Land Use Regulation" 2023-2024 book which is issued by the NH Office of Planning and Development. It is available for reference.

Perry call the Monadnock Conservancy for status updates on a 48 acre tract of land. They have not returned his call. Stuart explained the annual monitoring of land in conservation easements.

Jon Lounsbury requested a date be set for the annual roadside clean-up as well as permission to purchase two caution signs for traffic awareness during the clean-up. Jean made a motion to allow purchase of signs with second by Anson. Motion passed. Members present agreed to have Jon set the date as he has done previously in coordination with the school.

Anson requested discussion about the topic of more housing in Westmoreland and the position of the Conservation Commission. April related there will be housing survey questions from the Master Plan Committee which will be sent out to town residents as the Master Plan is updated. Anson said the recent passage of ADU's in town should aid in the perceived housing shortage. Perry noted that there is a section in the Master Plan which will allow the Conservation Commission to state our position. All members present recognize our responsibility to protect the land, soil and water in town as directed in NH RSA 36-A, and are wary of development impacts on those entities. April was asked to state the position of the Commission during Master Plan meetings as the housing topic evolves.

Perry requested that members continue to bring forward any conservation topics of interest at our meetings in order to have deliberate conversations and resolutions.

Anson made a motion to adjourn, Stuart seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
April Ferguson, Secretary