

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting  
April 1, 2021 (unapproved minutes)

Meeting called to order 8:35 am

Present: Marshall Patmos, Jeanette Hubert, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer,  
Jean Rudolph

Minutes of the 12/3/2020 meeting were approved.as submitted.

Despite a number of projects planned, our 2021 budget request has been denied and reduced from \$525 to \$475.

Concerning the issue of a new fire station, in addition to room for more space for vehicles, equipment etc, a point was made for the necessity of provisions for cleaning equipment and clothing of possible hazardous material acquired during a fire or emergency call. Since the issue was raised, a number of residents have wondered how it will be addressed in a “new” station. How/where will the contaminated material/water be disposed? Another issue the Commission has been made aware of is that further information due by March 21 requested by the NH Dept Environmental Services for a permit to build the station at the site has not yet been received, therefore a State permit has not yet been granted. The Commission has contacted NHDES for further information.

The Commission will proceed with a roadside cleanup this year. Marshall will contact the school ref a community service project and additionally prepare information materials for the public. Timing will be flexible for volunteers and tentatively planned for mid-April thru mid -May. Marshall will pick up additional litter bags from NH Beautiful in Epsom.

Marshall is a member of the Cheshire Rail Trail North Team representing the Town through the Commission. The whole rail trail (State owned) goes from the Mass-NH border through Swanzey and Keene up through Westmoreland and Walpole and on to Bellows Falls VT. Dan Shelley of Westmoreland is also a member. Towns are represented all along the trail with efforts to improve access, maintenance, signage, etc. The committee is always seeking additional people to become involved in any way and help provide suggestions or just keep informed of what is going on. Our Commission will be making a list of Westmoreland landowners who own property along the trail. We are tentatively planning to meet Apr 19 at 1:00 at the town hall to compile a list. Any members able to participate are certainly welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2021 at 8:30.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos