

Westmoreland Conservation Commission meeting
August 1 2019 minutes

This was the first meeting of the Commission since the July meeting was cancelled.

Present: Marshall Patmos, John Lukin, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer, Jim Ranson, Jeanette Hubert

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

The minutes of the June 6 meeting were approved.

There was a quick review of the proposed "Battery Project " by Eversource for the town to reduce power outages at no cost to the town. The location to be on County property at the site of parking lot across from old jail. Further information is available at the town office.

Marshall reviewed the proposed work maps (resurfacing) on Rte 12 by the NH Dept of Transportation and also a Forestry Work Notification from NH Dept Environmental Service ref timber sale regulations.

We still plan to send a follow-up letter to landowners concerning land conservation. We noted that Stacey Cibula from the Monadnock Conservancy has been promoted to deputy director and is no longer the conservation project manager. She has been a tremendous help with our land conservation efforts. We will still contact her for guidance as needed and hope they find a replacement soon.

An issue of bank erosion on the Connecticut River and a possible threat to a house was discussed. There might be some suggestions we can make in relation to contacting the NH DES.

No progress yet on trail improvement on the County property.

Changing our meeting days from Thursday to Wednesday was discussed to avoid conflict for space with the town clerk, treasurer and/or others who need the meeting room. While we didn't decide definitely to change for the next meeting, members will be notified of the date.

John Lukin announced that he is selling his home and will be leaving town in the near future. He's not sure of the timeline but is willing to continue as a member of the Commission until he moves. In the meantime, it was decided that he will change his membership to serve as an alternate. Those present accepted his decision and voted to have Jeanette Hubert serve as a full member. Jeanette will be appointed by the Selectmen as soon as necessary.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am

Submitted by Marshall Patmos, Chairman