

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
July 1, 2021

Present: Marshall Patmos (Chair), April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer, Jeannette Hubert, Dick Schmidt, Dan Shelley (guest, Westmoreland Sno-belters)

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM.

Marshall distributed the latest draft letter to the rail trail abutters (about 65), regarding improvements to the trail. Minor comments were provided. Perry will identify a map for attachment, and we will request the Selectboard's review. Marshall distributed the brochure by the Monadnock Region Rail Trail Collaborative, which included a county-level map of the trail. Other maps were reviewed, with Dan's knowledgeable input. Map improvements were discussed at length, and Dan noted that a map is at westmorelandsnobelters.com. Dan left the meeting after this topic.

The minutes of June 3, 2021 were reviewed, and April proposed an addition to the paragraph on riparian buffers. With all members present in agreement, the minutes were approved with that amended.

Jeanette discussed that the Conservation Commission should be proactive regarding the new firehouse, given that some issues remain and funding was not approved by the recent town vote. Location for traffic safety reasons, wetland issues and the disposal of contaminated hazardous waste/runoff from clothing, equipment and vehicles remain very important issues to the Commission and a number of town residents. Marshall will draft a letter to the Selectboard addressing these concerns. Tom Finnegan will be listed as a copy recipient.

Marshall discussed the Town's notice that Boards and Commissions are not fully staffed. We confirmed that we keep our membership to seven. We are currently short one member and can have any number of alternate members. Current members should pursue possible new members and invite them to attend one of our meetings if they wish.

The next WCC meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Thursday, August 5 at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Submitted by Richard Schmidt