

Westmoreland Conservation Commission  
March 7, 2019

Meeting called to order 8:30

Present: Marshall Patmos, Mary Bradley, April Ferguson, Perry Sawyer, John Lukin

Minutes of the January 3 meeting were approved as submitted. **The February meeting was cancelled and therefore no minutes.**

Mary presented some ideas for possible projects at the school such as the creation of a garden and other plantings with student involvement and a nature trail. We would endorse the efforts and assist where able. This led to a discussion of the improvement /renovation of the river trail on County property. A joint effort with Westmoreland school, Keene High School vo-ag group, Student Conservation Association, Connecticut River Conservancy and perhaps others will help rejuvenate the handicap accessible trail which has since been neglected and in need of much work.

While there has been no public announcement yet, according to the Monadnock Conservancy, the conservation easement on the 350 acre Chickering farm on route 63 has been finalized and approved by all parties involved. This is a good step in the towns expressed goal of conserving the productive farmland in Westmoreland.

The Commission reviewed the response from a letter and pictures we sent to the NH Department of Environmental Services and NH Department of Transportation concerning work being done at Partridge brook and Rte 63. The extensive work was brought to our attention on the project we thought had been completed in 2018. Matt Urban of the NH Dept of Transportation sent a note and plans explaining that the bendway weir project (Statewide 27287 Project) is under a 2017-02065 DES wetlands permit valid until 2022. While work has been suspended for the winter it can be resumed if needed, weather permitting. We spent some time reviewing the many pages of the plans.

We did a brief review of the bridge work being done on Rte 63 and Mill Brook.

April Ferguson and Dick Schmidt have agreed to serve another term on the Commission. Our Commission has seven full time members and provisions for any number of alternates.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 4, 2019 at 8:30 am at the town hall.

Submitted by Marshall Patmos