

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES 1-08-2026

In attendance:

- Commission Members: Perry Sawyer, Anson Burt, Jean Rudolph, April Ferguson, Nancy Zeller, Nancy Ranson, Joy Fletcher

Meeting called to order by Perry Sawyer at 7:07PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry

Welcome to newest Commission member - Nancy Ranson

Previous Meeting Minutes

- April made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as recorded. Seconded by Anson. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on roadway salting practices

- Town questions on amount of salt being used on paved roadways.
- Invoicing is available via the Town Administrator to review the amount and cost of salt purchased year over year.
- Town Administrator suggested that the Commission reach out to the Road Agent to ask about any Best Management Practices being utilized.
- Assumptions are that salt-only is being applied to paved roads, and a mix of salt and sand is being used on dirt roads.
- Concern is about runoff of salt into water resources.
- Discussion ensued about alternatives to a salt-only approach.
- State DES has Best Management Practices for salt use (last updated 2020) - follow up with Road Agent and inquire about whether these BMPs are currently in use. ● Nancy made a motion to reach out to the Road Agent to clarify the use of road salting best management practices, seconded by Anson. Motion passed unanimously. **Slippery Slope Goats speaker**

follow-up

- April is looking to coordinate a time for this speaker to join a future Commission meeting.

Discussion of email from Harry Wolhandler's email

- Harry Wolhandler, Chair of the Harrisville Conservation Commission, is willing to come and speak with the WCC in February about the town's experience with eradication of Japanese Knotweed.

- The Commission agrees to proceed with this invite for the February Commission meeting to learn more about Harrisville's experience with this.

Board of Selectmen update on process for Commission member recruitment and exit ● No paperwork needed for exiting - Stuart Adams will transition out of the Commission. ● Terms for Conservation Commission members are 3 years.

New Business

- Question about where Conservation Commission funds come from: For land in Westmoreland that's taken out of the Current Use tax program, 50% of the associated fees go into the Conservation Fund.
- Review of Commission Annual Report - open to new members for WCC. ● April made a motion to shift the meeting time to 6PM moving forward - seconded by Nancy. Motion passed unanimously.

April made a motion to adjourn at 7:47PM, seconded by Nancy. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 12th at 6pm** at the Westmoreland Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Fletcher