

**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