

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Unapproved minutes for 09-10-2026

Members present Nancy Ranson, Jean Rudolph, Anson Burt, Perry Sawyer, April Ferguson

Chairman Perry Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry.

There were no alternates to be seated.

Motion made by Perry and second by Anson to approve the June minutes. Motion passed.

Potential names for new members were discussed and will be contacted.

Perry met with the selectboard in August to discuss our findings on Japanese Knotweed. They discussed alternative methods for eliminating the knotweed and asked the WCC to provide estimates for treatment.

After conversation a figure of \$10,000.00 per year (based on the Harrisville, NH figures) for Glyphosate spraying which would control **not** eradicate the species. It is also important to include that the spraying would need to be done multiple times over a period of years. There is concern on the part of the WCC regarding environmental effects with the spraying of Glyphosate.

An alternative knotweed control, as described in our 03-12-2026 minutes, is grazing goats on the invasive weed plots which would be done by a business specializing in that particular method. Pricing for the grazing would be done by an onsite visit and quotation from the business.

April mentioned an NRI presentation in Surry on 09-30-2026.

Perry passed around information about the annual Cheshire County Conservation District upcoming potluck on 10-07-2026 from 5:30-7:30. It will be held at the Monadnock Conservancy in Keene, NH. All are welcome to attend.

Perry will invite Barbara Richter, Director of NHACC, to come to our next meeting.

Anson made a motion to adjourn, Jean second. The meeting ended at 7:05PM.

April Ferguson, Secretary, pro tem

