

Westmoreland Conservation Commission
January 9, 2014 minutes
Postponed from January 2 due to inclement weather

Present: Marshall Patmos, Chairman, John Lukin, Vice Chairman, April Ferguson,
Dick Schmidt, Jim Ranson, guest Perry Sawyer
Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Perry Sawyer was introduced and welcomed as a possible new member of the Commission. Mame Odette has expressed a desire to move her status to alternate and Perry has expressed an interest in joining. The selectmen have been informed and are considering the changes at their meeting tonight.

Minutes of the November and December meetings were officially approved since there is a quorum present.

The draft 2013 annual report was reviewed and approved for submission to the Town Report.

Marshall presented the "Good Forestry in the Granite State" manual that has been purchased for a resource library for the town office.

It was announced that the Planning Board will be holding a 6:30 January 14 public hearing on proposed amendments to town ordinances. The steep slope State recommended driveway guidelines that the Commission proposed is not included but the Commission will submit them to the Selectmen to be included as specifications to be used in the design and construction of driveways in town.

A brief discussion of flood issues in town and possible work on Mill brook through the guidance and partial funding from USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

It was agreed that we should sponsor another roadside cleanup this year assuming the Lions Club is willing to spearhead as they have in the past, Marshall will check.

The Commission will again hold another resource series or similar education activities in 2014.

There was a brief discussion of the landfill and possible changes such as a pay per bag, or go to Keene. No conclusions were made but most seem to favor keeping it in town.

Dick Schmidt gave an informative report of a NH Site Evaluation Committee Public Participation meeting he attended on Dec5. The "committee" discussed and voted on a variety of issues including the siting of energy facilities.

A discussion of conservation easements, the various components and flexibility that can be incorporated into them pointed to a need for informational public sessions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM Next meeting is scheduled for February 6 at 7:00 PM

Respectively submitted, Marshall Patmos