

Westmoreland Conservation Commission  
February 6, 2014 minutes

Present: Marshall Patmos, Chair, April Ferguson, Jim Ranson, Dick Schmidt, Perry Sawyer  
Perry Sawyer has been appointed by selectmen as a new member to replace Mame Odette who requested to be an alternate instead of a full member. Perry was officially welcomed to the Commission.  
Jim announced that he will be out of town and can't attend the next several meetings.

Minutes of the January 9 meeting were approved with minor changes to more accurately reflect Dick Schmidt's participation on a NH Site Evaluation Committee Public Participation meeting in December.

The Commission reviewed a letter from the Dept Environmental Services requesting additional information from the town concerning an after the fact dredge and fill permit application for road/culvert work done on River road and Old County Road. No action required by the Commission.

A continued discussion of possible important lands included suggesting compiling a list of those areas and perhaps contacting landowners through public sessions or maybe smaller discussion groups. These would include clarification of various voluntary conservation tools including easements. Retaining rural character and our open and diverse landscape has been reinforced by a recent survey for the upcoming master plan update.

Conservation objectives for the Master plan update were discussed. Marshall presented the July 2012 Conservation Plan and the group felt there are many objectives in the document that can be more succinctly presented and reviewed. It was decided that it might work better for our representatives to the update process (John Lukin and Dick Schmidt) outline objectives and present to the Commission for review. This can be done at a special session if not at a regular meeting. For new members and as a review for others, Marshall will send the July 2012 Conservation Plan Information including :A 2 page synopsis, the plan itself (10 pages), Summary of proceedings, notes and references(27 pages) and Conservation/Resource maps (12 pages) to all members of the Commission.

As part of preparation of the Conservation Plan, information for a Natural Resource Inventory was compiled with maps and data but hasn't been formally put together as an NRI. Marshall will look at the info and organize it for a NRI.

Following a brief discussion of alternative energy sources and benefits of each, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2014 at 7 PM

Respectively submitted by Marshall Patmos`