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Westmoreland Conservation Commission Minutes 10-2-14

Meeting called to order 7:02

Present: Richard Schmidt, April Ferguson, John Lukin, Selena Gallen, Marshall Patmos, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley (visitor)

Minutes from last meeting on August 7th were read and accepted.

Old Business-

\*Marshall asked Mary if she would consider being an alternate and she accepted. The board voted unanimously to accept her onto the Conservation Commission. Marshall will inform the Select Board and ask them to appoint her.

\*Perry reported on the follow up on the flooding potential for property by the reconstructed River Rd N bridge - the landowners are taking responsibility for any further problems that cause flooding.

\*Information was shared about the upcoming meetings concerning the Maplewood Nursing Home and a poster was hung in the town hall. Not sure why the select board didn't request that a hearing be held in Westmoreland. Our letter concerning conservation of the County land was sent to the county commissioners and delegation members. A few thank yous were received. Some discussion followed. And it was decided that some of us should go to the 4 meetings being held in various towns about this topic. The dates are:

\*Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:00pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

\*Monday, Oct. 20, 7:00pm

Keene High School

\*Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:00pm

Alstead-Vilas Middle School

\*Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:00pm

Jaffrey VFW

It was also decided that some of us attend the County Farm Committee Meetings. Selena will contact Paul Berch to find out their schedule.

\*The NHACC annual meeting is coming up on Nov 1 and so far, no one is able to go. Mary may possibly.

\*John checked in about the maps he is working on and still being plotted. Dick sorted land by owners so we'd have an idea of the total owned by each family/person. That was sent to us via email and very helpful.

New Business-

\*Marshall received an approved Shoreline Impact Permit from the DES for property on Route 12 owned by Eric Clark.. It was needed because the land is within 250' of Mill Brook.

\*Master Plan -update is plodding along-Pat Baker resigned.

\*Brief discussion of property tax exemption for solar panels. Some communities have them.

\*A comment was made about the town becoming a member of the Regional Planning Commission-since it is a good resource. We find them to be very helpful in our efforts and hope town membership is renewed.

\* Next meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 7pm at the town hall.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Selena Gallen