

Minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting  
of the Westmoreland Conservation Commission

Present: Marshall Patmos, Chairman, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley, Jim Ranson, Dick Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of the January 8, 2015 were approved. There was no meeting in February.

Our budget request of an additional \$200 to help support the school's nature club and outdoor study area has not been approved by the budget committee. Looks like our 2015 budget will be \$642 unless changed at town meeting.

Mary reported on some of her work with the Nature Club at the school and she been approved for a \$1000 grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund and is awaiting word about a \$1600 grant request. There was discussion of possibly pursuing the permanent protection of the school wild land. Examination of how the property was obtained including ownership and any conditions that dictate how it can or can't be used should be done. While a review of documents and deeds can be done by officials this might make an interesting project for students to pursue. We can discuss this further at a future meeting.

Mary presented some material from "The Stewardship Network" a coalition of conservation organizations, agencies and citizens groups helping to promote the sound use of our natural resources.

We reviewed a couple of conserved land property maps that were prepared a while back and again discussed updating our base land information, meeting with Monadnock Conservancy representative to review land protection and scheduling a public information session. There has been a request for land protection information from a landowner in town. Marshall will get some material together and contact the individual.

The Commission will again sponsor a roadside cleanup this year. Marshall will contact the Lions club for scheduling the event.

A reminder that the "Saving Special Places" conference is scheduled for April 11 in Weare NH. The Commission has budgeted for a couple members to attend.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM

Next meeting is scheduled April 2, 2015 @7 PM

Submitted by Marshall Patmos