

Minutes of the May 7, 2015
of the Westmoreland Conservation Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Marshall Patmos, April Ferguson, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley

The minutes of the March 5 and April 2 meetings were approved.

The May 2 roadside cleanup spearheaded by the Westmoreland Lions Club was an apparent success. Marshall will get the final figures of involvement, material collected and send a report to "NH The Beautiful", the group that supports the program statewide.

Mary reported on the "Saving Special Places" conference she attended reviewing some of the wealth of information she got from the various training sessions. She brought some of the fact sheets and other material from the session. We should make copies of some of them, perhaps prepare our own and make information available to the public.

We discussed our participation in the Aug 15 Old Home Day "exhibit". We should get some of the material such as what Mary brought and get updated "protected lands" and other maps to have on display. We'll work out a staffing schedule for the 9-2 timing of the event. Marshall will contact SWRPC for maps.

There was further discussion concerning an interested landowner we met with at the April meeting. We need to gather more information about the mechanics of an easement and our expectations. Meeting with a "professional" would be valuable to give us a better understanding of the process. We can involve other town officials and landowners. Similar to the sessions we sponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy 7 or so years ago but on a smaller scale. Members of the Commission should make an effort to become familiar with easements.

There was a discussion of the Fisher preserve off Esty Road which is not listed on our protected properties maps. Jim will follow up on the information and report back.

Marshall reported that he had met with Matt Apgar, District Ranger for the NH Division of Forests and Lands concerning timber harvest and stream information on Old Route 12.

Matt was still sorting out the various jurisdiction issues that might be involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 7 pm.

Submitted by---Marshall Patmos