

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Minutes (unapproved)
Meeting held on July 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Marshall Patmos, Richard Schmidt, John Lukin, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer, Selena Gallen and guest Mary Bradley.

Minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting were approved

Old Business-A June 9 letter of deficiency came from NH Des dated June 9th for after the fact application for the culvert work on County Road Extension. Items missing from the application have since been corrected

The NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security Division has scheduled a public meeting for July 17th at 7 pm at the Town Hall to address concerns about flooding in East Westmoreland, specifically in the area of White Brook Bridge and Route 12 near Mt Gilboa Rd.

A letter of deficiency-for the application for the work on the bridge over Aldrich Brook on River Rd North was reviewed. The missing information has been sent and work is proceeding as planned.

New Business-We discussed our approach to supporting the County Farm being conserved. Marshall will draft a letter with John's help. This letter should go to the County Commissioners and the County delegation. Selena will speak with Paul Berch about state support. We reviewed land data and tax info on the county farm. Marshall will get the material updated. We also discussed creating a questionnaire for towns people concerning the disposition of the County Farm land and other issues. We decided to share information through email to come up with some of those questions to get started.

We looked at the town maps John brought for identifying parcels of land that might be of value in conserving. Work will continue on the maps. The map will help identify owners of land of primary importance.

There was a brief discussion about the purple "emerald ash borer" traps that are seen hanging in trees along some of the roads in town. These have been put out by the NH Department of Agriculture (last year by NH Div of Forests and Lands) to track this insect that is decimating the Ash tree population in parts of NH and Mass and many other states across the US.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 just before the start of heavy thunder storms.
Next meeting is scheduled for August 7th, 2014 at 7pm.

Submitted by Selena Gallen