

Westmoreland Conservation Commission
July 7, 2016 minutes

Meeting called to order at 8: 30 am

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

Minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

The Commission reviewed an application and plan for road work on rte 63 by the fire station.

There was a discussion of the public meetings concerning Maplewood and that there seems to be much sentiment for keeping it in Westmoreland. A timber sale has been scheduled on county property by the picnic area just south of the nursing home.

We reviewed last months meeting with Stacy Gambrel of the Monadnock Conservancy and various options concerning conservation easements. We reviewed the project worksheet she sent to us and may want to modify it for our own use. A public hearing will probably be needed for project completion and expenditure from the Conservation Fund depending on the project.

There was a brief discussion of a number of diseases impacting our trees this year including the pine needlecasts, emerald ash borer and Dutch Elm disease.

Our twilight invasive plant public field session scheduled at the County Farm will be held Aug 4 or August 11. Date will be finalized very soon.

The Commission reviewed the restoration plan prepared by a wetland scientist as required by NH Dept of Environmental Resources for the area adjacent to Partridge Brook on Spofford Road. There are a number of plantings needed to restore the wetland after removal of the filled in area by the town road crew. The Commission might be able to assist in material acquisition. We will speak with the road agent to see if we might help with sources of material and perhaps information on beaver control.

It was suggested that perhaps a day separate from our regularly scheduled meeting might be the best way to get work done on organizing the map closet. It's difficult to get the work done during our regular meetings.

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 8:30 am at the town hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am

Submitted by Marshall Patmos