

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Minutes
8-6-2015

Those Present: Marshall Patmos, Selena Gallen, April Ferguson, Jim Ranson, Richard Schmidt, John Lukin and Perry Sawyer.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Old Business-

Minutes from our July meeting were accepted as is.

A conservation easement was again discussed with the landowner that has expressed an interest in conserving property through an easement to the town. It was decided that a first step is to get an appraisal of the property. John Newcomb of Keene who has done a number of easement appraisals for the Monadnock Conservancy and others had been contacted for initial information. He said he could do a reasonable preliminary evaluation to get an idea of value before the need for a full report.

According to the tax card, ad valorem value is currently 40,200 and current use value is 5162.

A motion was made and voted in the affirmative to cover the appraisal costs from our Conservation Fund with a \$3000.00 cap. Marshall will contact Mr Newcomb.

We have copies of deeds from easements in Westmoreland already conveyed and available for review. We also reviewed some of the data from the NH Municipal Conservation Fund Guide. Marshall will forward a site for NH Municipal Guidebook. There is a copy in the town office.

Old Home Day-Our booth will have-sign up list for town news, maps, photo slide show, handouts about special places, invasive species and Mary's work at the Westmoreland school.

We need to remember to bring easels, extension cord, table covers, binder clips, sign up sheet.

Set up-8:30 sat. Selena, Jim, Perry, Marshall. Jim will come back with John to clean up.

John 12-2 and help clean up.

New Business:

We were informed by the NH Department of Transportation that demolition of the house on Route 12 that flooded out will be demolished after December this year. There are some questions from the DOT that we can review at our next meeting.

We reviewed a notice from the Dept Env Services that a complaint has been filed about a possible violation of the Shoreland Protection Act on the Britton's Ferry Road adjacent to the Connecticut River. There is some non permitted construction on the river bank. The area is on the side road just North of the county jail. The owners have been notified to stop the work and have been given 20 days after the July 17 notice to respond to the state.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2015

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Unofficial minutes

Submitted by Selena Gallen