

Westmoreland Conservation Commission Meeting
September 3, 2015 minutes (unapproved)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Marshall Patmos, April Ferguson, Mary Bradley, Richard Schmidt, Jim Ranson
Perry Sawyer, John Lukin, guest

Minutes of the August 6 meeting were approved as submitted,

The results of the appraisal of property being considered for a town conservation easement were reviewed. We discussed what financial assistance we can provide for prospective easements using our Conservation fund. Helping with appraisals and/or perhaps surveys, and maybe fund raising efforts would be the best use of our resources. Outright purchase of easements is unreasonable due to the limited dollars in the fund.. With a wide range of land in town worthy of permanent conservation, we need to pick and choose our expenses with care.

Given our resources, the Commission voted to not pursue further financial commitment in obtaining a conservation easement on the recently appraised property.

We also voted to pay the \$700 fee to Monadnock Appraisal Co. for the appraisal.

We briefly discussed Old Home Day with the suggestion that if held again it should probably be only one day, located just at the town hall and common and perhaps a different time of the year.

We reviewed the letter of deficiency from the NH Dept of Environmental Services on the Ferry Rd property. No action is needed by the Commission.

New Business

We received a request from Windyhurst farm to write a letter of support for a grant that the Conservation District is helping them put together for the construction of a new manure and waste water handling system.

It was agreed that Marshall will write a letter of support on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Marshall reviewed a report from the NH Association of Conservation Commission and pointed out a September 15 Conservation and Agricultural Commission joint meeting at 6-8 at Stonewall Farm in Keene.

Approval was given to pay the Association dues for 2016.

It was pointed out that a timber sale is proposed on approximately 40 acres of the County Farm for this fall.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2015, 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Marshall Patmos