

Westmoreland Conservation Commission
Minutes of the 11/6/2014 meeting

Present: Marshall Patmos, Chairman, John Lukin, Vice Chairman, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer
Mary Bradley

Mary Bradley was welcomed as an alternate member .

Minutes of the October 2 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

John reported that the master plan update is continuing and the Commission reaffirms the need to have the Conservation plan incorporated into it. He mentioned that assistance from SWRPC would be great but the town is no longer a member.

There was a discussion of the public hearings on Maplewood Nursing Home. It seems that the County Commissioners are pretty well set on moving it to Keene. There was a discussion of the many options, renovation, new building on site, etc. The county delegation will have the final vote. Important for residents to let their representatives know how they feel. The Conservation Commission continues to favor permanent conservation of the county land.

New Business

Mary reported on her attendance at the Nov 1 NH Association of Conservation Commissions conference in Laconia. She said it was an excellent event and had a lot of informative workshops. She shared with the group a number of helpful fact sheets and other publications she picked up.

Mary discussed some of the natural resource activities she has been involved with at the Westmoreland elementary school. She's working with a group of students to develop a nature trail of sorts and various other activities. Since the Commission hasn't done all educational outreach programs it had budgeted for this year we suggested that we could perhaps purchase some educational materials and supplies for the school projects. Mary will prepare a list of wants.

Marshall received a dues notice of \$242 from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Approval was given for payment.

Our budget request for 2015 is due on Dec 15. After a brief discussion, we will tentatively be requesting \$600, the same as last year. We will review this at the Dec 4 meeting and submit our request following that. There was further discussion of membership in SWRPC and the assistance it can provide its members. Assistance with master plan revision, mapping updates and other guidance are valuable to the town. Perhaps including funding in our budget request (about \$1900) is a possibility.

Marshall reviewed a NHACC survey to be filled out and returned.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 Next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2014 at 7:pm

Submitted by Marshall Patmos