

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Bob Smith, Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan,
Barb Gerstner, Cathy Boedtke, Laura Stillson

Monday, May 3, 2010

Call to order 7:010 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Barbara Gerstner, Cathy Boedtke, Win Johnson, , Laura Stillson

Absent: Mark Nowlan, Bob Smith

Guests: Merle and Leone Bushkin, Ashley Pakenham, Louis Schmertz, Annette Lorraine, Cyndy Kozara, Kathy Callan-Rondeau, Tom Rondeau, John Greenall, Dennis Lemire, Dana and Paula Waters, Debbie Donahue, Marty Hunt, Peter Campot, Mike Silverman, Ken Parrot, John Taylor (UVTA)

Approval of minutes of March 8, 2010 minutes

Motion by Barbara Gersnter to approve minutes

Seconded: Laura Stillson

Vote: Unanimous

Upper Valley Trails Alliance – John Taylor of UVTA outlined their involvement with Trail Finder, an internet trail mapping service. The positive result is directing trail users to areas where they are allowed to hike or bike which keeps them from areas where they should not. STAB representative Louis Schmertz commented that it could be a good idea. The WWCC will direct this information to the select board for their consideration.

Green Mountain Horse Association – Peter Campot, president of GMHA, addressed their interest in trail easements and working with the WWCC and other trail users groups. Issues concerning easement language had been worked out at an earlier meeting. Questions and concerns from guests were answered. John Taylor agreed to help the groups with trail worker liability concerns and will get that information to the clerk.

Town Plan; Updated changes will be sent to all members of the commission.

Natural Resources; Barb and Laura attended a vernal pool workshop on April 25, 2010 in Woodstock and reported to the group. Vernal pool mapping will not start in WW until 2011 but we have an idea of what will be involved. Volunteers will be needed.

Beaver Brook – Sue and Todd Meneses of ONRCD met with the selectboard on April 12, 2010 to discuss options to repair bank erosion behind the town hall and the school. ONRCD brought up the project to the Change The World Kids, Woodstock, and they would like to develop a project with Albert Bridge School. They are also interested in establishing a bird nesting area in the Cady Resource area. Ashley Pakenham expressed interest in getting involved. Sue will follow up.

Rad Dyke wishes to walk his ancient road with Deb Mithoefer. Sue will set that up.

Cathy Boedtke asked about the town forest deed. Kenny Burke will be contacted by Sue as a possible lead.

New Business; Barbara brought up the beaver pond on Rush Meadow and will contact Fish and Wildlife.

Adjourned 8:50 PM

Next meeting June 7, 2010

Respectfully submitted; Sue Greenall –clerk