

West Windsor Conservation Commission

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

August 27, 2012

Call to order 7:10 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Laura Stillson, Mark Nowlan, Barbara Gerstner, Win Johnson.

Approval of June 25, 2012 minutes

Motion by Ted Siegler to approve minutes

Seconded: Win Johnson

Vote: Unanimous

Geomorphic Assessment – John Broker-Campbell submitted a grant with Army Corps' Silver Jackets initiative and flood risk management program on August 25.

Town Map – Barbara submitted the history of the town. Cathy Boedtger took a good picture of the village. Suggested to have Bower's Bridge, a mountain biker and VT 100 photos.

Trails Update – Discussion to inspect the Bicentennial Trail this weekend. Ascutney Basin Trail was walked by Ted and Jim Lyall with Forrest Hammond (Fish & Wildlife) Jay Maciejowski (Forest, Parks & Recreation). The goal is to GPS two trail corridors.

Motion by Win Johnson to authorize Ted to write a letter to the State of VT asking for recreational corridors through Little Ascutney Wildlife Management Area in order to connect to the town forest. Suggestion that Glenn Seward also sign to show support of the select board.

Seconded: Mark Nowlan

Vote: Unanimous

Replacement of member – Chris Nesbit

Road mowing – road crews will try to mow earlier, July at latest. Mike Spackman suggested sending a letter to the state to support earlier mowing to help control invasive plants.

Fall agenda – discussion of 80+ acres for sale on Cow Shed Trail. Looking for possible conservation opportunities.

WWCC Priorities

- Identify easement initiatives for high priority land
- Working with the Town Forest Committee/Bicentennial trail
- Vernal pool inventory
- Trail easements
- Geomorphic assessment of major tributaries to Mill Brook

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm by Ted Siegler. Next meeting October 1, 2012

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall - secretary