

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington
Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Laura Stillson

August 5, 2013

Call to order 7:05 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Win Johnson, Barbara Gerstner, Andy Harrington, Mark Nowlan
Guest-Glenn Seward

Motion by Win Johnson to approve May 6 and June 3, 2013 minutes

Seconded: Mark Nowlan

Vote: Unanimous

Cowshed property – Ted met with the owners who are working with VLT to conserve the property with 2 building sites. Public trail access was discussed. Discussion on GMHA trail easement language followed. Barbara to make contact with GMHA.

Bernatchez property – Sue reported on progress of a group to purchase and conserve the property.

Trees for Streams – Suggested properties are Chuck Armstrong, Ted Siegler, Dave Perry, Jim Yates, Chris Nesbit, Kathleen Ladd. VACD should know on Friday if they get the grant.

Geomorphic assessment – Ted reported on the contract going to Fitzgerald, Essex, VT which will start this fall with a report by March.

Roadside mowing – Glenn Seward reported on the town purchasing a mower. Ted suggested a letter to ANR regarding the spread of invasive plants. Glenn agreed to sign the letter. Ted to write the draft and share it with the commission. Discussion followed on better ways to control weeds by mowing earlier or twice.

Bower Bridge property – 6.1 acres assess at \$8,500. Possible grant from the snowmobile club. Glenn asked the WWCC to make contact with the owner, Win agreed to draft a letter.

New Business – Wood pellet plant permits looking good for the talc plant

Brook Road – will the road be repaired? Possible recreational bridge to keep bikes off of RT 44. WWCC and the select board will stay in touch with the town of Windsor on progress.

Municipal Planning Grant – Sue to ask Laura

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 8:05 pm by Mark Nowlan

Next meeting Sept 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall - secretary