

# West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Mark Nowlan, Sue Greenall, Kathy Wood  
Barb Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Chris Nesbitt, Cathy Boedtke, Rudy Gross

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Guests: Deb Shearer, Win Johnson (WWSB), Bruce Boedtke, Glenn and Shelley Seward, Cindy Siegler, Jim Lyall, Steve Carihfield (AO), Matt Kantola (WWSB & STAB), Colin Eggleton, Sharon Knapp

Call to order 7:05.m by Ted Siegler

*Motion:* Kathy Wood moved to approve July 1, 2019 minutes.

*Seconded:* Laura Stillson

*Vote:* unanimous

## Old Business

Town Forest – Ted outlined key issues in the Conservation Easement for the town forest. E-bikes, double track trail use, relocation of trails, etc. Trail head amenities is not addressed. Win outlined his concerns regarding activity at parking lots at trail heads. He agreed that the Bicentennial trail needs to be relocated, a long term process due to Act 250. Bruce asked for clarification as to what entity had control over town land. Group discussion followed. Win suggested 1) Bicentennial trail be relocated and side trail to interesting locations be pursued. 2) WWCC and Selectboard to work out issues regarding amenities at secondary parking areas. Laura suggested getting volunteers to check parking lots at dusk (she volunteered). Suggestion of having police drive through on weekends. Suggestion to place a “closed at dusk” sign. Future needs may require the hiring of people to perform this task. WWCC is looking into placing a bike counter at the town forest parking lot. AO to be consulted.

UVTA – Did WWCC want to have the Bicentennial Trail placed on their finder map. Discussion that this would be fine once the trail is relocated.

Mill Brook – *E. Coli* numbers high (600+) in two locations on Beaver Brook. Discussion on using the state lab next year to document this and to halt testing until then. Kathy asked that the RT 44 site be relocated, Sue to follow up.

Barton Road – Cost to WWCC \$983 to be shared with GMHA. Discussion on smoothing out the site, Sue to contact West Windsor Moonlighters.

## New Business

WWCC – List of WWCC accomplishments handed out. Members asked to take photos for the town web page and a power point.

Duling Rd – A culvert has silted in and water is running on the road. To be discussed at a future meeting to review town right of ways and class 4 roads for repair and to put that in next year’s budget

Horse Trail – Barbara asked for clarification of horse use in the town forest.

WWCC Priorities –Identify easement initiatives for high priority land

- Trail easements
- Bicentennial Trail relocation and maintenance
- Riparian buffers for streams
- Flood Hazard zoning

Next meeting –TBA.

Adjourned – 9:05

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall