

West Windsor Conservation Commission
Ted Siegler (Chair), Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington
Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Laura Stillson, Sue Greenall

December 1, 2014

Call to order 7:10 p.m., Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Laura Stillson, Andy Harrington, Mark Nowlan, Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Sue Greenall.

Approval of Oct 6, 2014 minutes

Motion: Ted Siegler moved to approve

Seconded: Barb Gerstner

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

Bowers Bridge – Chris Nesbitt reported on negotiations with Nilsons, price now \$5K. Dennis Lemire is working on funding through the snowmobile club.

Town Forest – Laura reported that Act 250 is submitted but not yet approved. Concern over decibel levels during competition events has been addressed.

Cowshed Trail – Ted reported on his conversations with the landowner who wants to wait a year before addressing the trail situation. The town has asked to be notified before any trail easements are placed on the land.

Ski area – Ted reported on issues facing the select board. TPL has a Jan 15 deadline for the grant. The town is exploring alternative funding should this not go through. Chris reported on UVLT involvement. Concern over findings from a possible Phase 1 Geomorphic Assessment were discussed.

New Business

2015 budget

Motion: Ted Siegler proposed the budget of \$2K operating funds and \$5K to the conservation fund. Mark amended that any unused operating funds per year go into the conservation fund.

Seconded: Chris Nesbitt

Vote: unanimous

Trees for Streams – Sue suggested identifying possible T4S properties and opening a discussion with landowners this winter. Land used for agriculture is not eligible.

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
- Develop methods to control invasive plants

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 by Ted Siegler

Next Meeting January 5, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Sue Greenall