

# West Windsor Conservation Commission

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

Dec 2, 2019

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Guests: Craig Gardner, Ken Parot, Jim Lyall (AO), Win Johnson (WWSB), Bruce and Cathy Boedtke, John Roe and  
Jason Berard UVLT  
Call to order 7:05.m by Ted Siegler

*Motion:* Mark Nowlan moved to approve Oct 7, 2019 minutes.

*Seconded:* Rudy Gross

*Vote:* unanimous

## Old Business

Town Forest – Bicentennial Trail reroute. Jason to be taking John's place at UVLT. Ted outlined proposed route per UVTA suggestions. Discussion followed on pros and cons of trail relocation. Act 250 needs to be dealt with before construction. UVLT agreed to look at the trail route in the spring with WWCC members. Discussion on rogue trails being cut without permission.

*Motion:* Rudy Gross moved to ask the select board to implement a substantial fine for cutting rogue trails.

*Seconded:* Barbara Gerstner

*Vote:* unanimous

Mill Brook – Data to be reviewed in January and then decide how to proceed for 2020. Data to be sent to WWCC

Barton Road – DEC used the story in their Dec publication.

Queen Victoria Rd – Site reviewed by DEC. Discovery of an old failed culvert. Attempts to open with a shovel failed. To be looked at again in the spring.

WWCC member – Still looking for a person to fill a seat

Ash trees – Town is going forward with a road inventory. Suggestion to inventory ash trees on Ascutney trails that might become a hazard. Mark will develop this plan.

State revolving fund – Town has a grant for \$645K of which 10% can be used for an ecosystem restoration grant (Wispr). DEC has indicated interest in two water runoff culverts opposite of the pool at Ascutney. SWCRPC interested in writing a design grant through ERP19. The 10% would be used for implementation. WWCC indicated interest in pursuing this project.

Class 4/legal trail inventory – DEC has a grant that will pay for towns to inventory class IV and legal trails. Discussion on how many legal trails in town. Sue to send out a list to members.

## Budget

*Motion:* Ted Siegler moved to keep the WWCC budget the same for 2020

*Seconded:* Rudy Gross

*Vote:* unanimous

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 – Jan 6, 2020.

Adjourned – 8:45

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall