

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington, Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt,
Laura Stillson, Sue Greenall, Cathy Boedtke, Rudy Gross
February 1, 2016

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Barb Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Chris Nesbitt, Mark Nowlan, Cathy Boedtke, Rudy Gross
Guests: John Roe, Upper Valley Land Trust; Laura Farrell, Ascutney Outdoors.

Call to order 7:05 p.m.
Approval of January, 2016 minutes
Motion: Barbara Gerstner moved to approve
Seconded: Mark Nowlan

John Roe from the Upper Valley Land Trust was invited to present the Interim Community Forest Management Plan to the Conservation Commission and to answer questions. Ted explained the Conservation Commission would be responsible for reviewing the current plan, then updating and finalizing a modified management plan to present to the select board for adoption. Ted focused on the section guiding human uses and how best to update the management plan to maintain an appropriate balance between recreational uses, economic hopes for the town, and environmental stewardship.

Areas of focus for updates, review, or additions include:

- Invasive species control and management
- Carrying capacity for trails for all uses
- User Conflict Management
- Relocation of Bicentennial Trail
- Backcountry Skiing
- Handicapped access
- New Sports (ie, Frisbee Golf Course, Downhill Mountain Biking)

Ted, Laura, John, Martha Harrison, and Jim Lyall are working with Dartmouth Environmental Studies students on a project to provide research to aid in updating the Community Forest Management Plan. Ascutney Outdoors will provide any recreational use additions anticipated for the next 10 years.

The Conservation Commission goal is to complete the modified Community Forest Management Plan within one year.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 by Ted Siegler
Respectfully submitted by Laura Stillson