

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Bob Smith, Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan,
Barb Gerstner, Cathy Boedtke, Laura Stillson

February 6, 2012

Call to order 7:10 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance Win Johnson, Cathy Boedtke, Laura Stillson, Barbara Gerstner.

Approval of January 9, 2012 minutes

Motion by Cathy Boedtke to approve minutes

Seconded: Laura Stillson

Vote: Unanimous

Welcome buckets – Dept. of Fish & Wildlife has turned over the distribution of the buckets to VT. Coverts. Landowners with 50 acres or more, purchased within the last 5 years, will be used for the grant. Jon Bouton will get us the list of the contents, their source and cost. Discussion followed on how the WWCC would use buckets and how to create their own welcome packet. Laura will bring this up with the Historical Society. A possible list of groups and food producers in town might be included.

Town Forest – First public meeting is Feb 7, 2012 at 6:30. The town forest committee is hoping all questions will be answered and that the selectboard will be able to vote to accept the plan.

Trails - Peter Helm, UVLT, will work with us in March to develop language for future easements. Specifically the definition of “trail management entity.”

UVLT Conservation Commission Meeting – Jan 31, 2012. Sue reported on the meeting, emphasis on education. There will be a training session as to how to plan programs to involve residents. Win mentioned Four Winds program. Audrey Hubert may be interested in this. Sue will share information about the workshop when she gets it.

Food Sovereignty – WWCC will support Article 18 as listed in the town warning

New Business

Town Meeting

Motion by Laura Stillson – The WWCC supports the selectboard’s initiative to purchase the so-called West Windsor sewer line because it will have significant benefit for the water quality of the Mill Brook and Beaver Brook and because it will facilitate further development in the village.

Seconded: Barbara Gerstner

Discussion followed

Vote: Unanimous

WWCC Priorities

- Purchase a conservation easement for Mile Long field and the ski area. Possible VEDA (VT Economic Development Authority) involvement
- Working with the Town Forest Committee
- Finish vernal pool inventory
- Ridgeline/Viewshed criteria in town plan
- Trail easements
- Conserve town forest

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm by Barbara Gerstner

Next meeting March 5, 2012

Respectfully submitted
Sue Greenall - secretary

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