

West Windsor Conservation Commission

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

June 13, 2011

Call to order 7:03 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Cathy Boedtger, Laura Stillson, Barbara Gerstner, Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan

Guests: Dennis Lemire, Rudy Gross (town forest committee chair), Jim Lyall

Approval of May 2, 2011 minutes

Motion by Ted Siegler to approve minutes

Seconded: Win Johnson

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion of the May 26 meeting of the Agency of Natural Resources on the long range management plan for the Ascutney management unit which includes Ascutney State Park. Laura Stillson attended and reported.

Town Forest – Committee members are hiking the 14 miles of STAB trails with the forester in order to evaluate areas that need protection. This is in the lower 1/3 of the forest. It was suggested that the Conservation Commission supply funds for an ecological study.

Motion by Mark Nowlan to authorize Ted Siegler to meet with Kim Rojer to discuss evaluation of the ecological impact of trails in the town forest and how to incorporate to other trails in the Ascutney basin and state lands.

Seconded: Barbara Gerstner

Discussion to open this to public comment when ready

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion on the status of the Bicentennial trail maintenance. The town forest committee will place this on their next meeting's agenda.

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 9:00 pm by Ted Siegler

Next meeting July , 2011

Respectfully submitted
Sue Greenall - secretary