

West Windsor Conservation Commission

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

May 9, 2016

Call to order 7:00 p.m

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Andy Harrington, Barb Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Sue Greenall, Chris Nesbitt, Cathy Boedtke

Guests – Jim Lyall, Mike Spackman

Approval of March 7, 2016 minutes

Motion: Chris Nesbitt moved to approve

Seconded: Laura Stillson

Vote: Unanimous

Trails – Barb Gerstner did work on the Niles and Lustberg trail. Report on meeting of Chris Nesbitt and Barb Gerstner on multi-use trail network. Discussion on how to create a navigable trail system. Jim Lyall (STAB) explained how the bike system works. Complications with Act 250 limited expansion of the bike trail system under STAB. Jim suggested guidance from VT Public Trail System (?). Jim and Chris will meet and report at the next meeting.

Invasives – Mike reported that there is a new flail mower and he offered to mow extra footage onto property if asked. Reach is 17' with a 50" wide mower. He usually does 2 passes but can do 4. Discussion on timing of cutting to prevent invasives from spreading. Ted to contact the state on RT 44 mowing.

Appointment of Ex Officio member to Ascutney Outdoors - Ted has been suggested and wanted feedback from the commission. Unanimously supported.

Management Plan – Presentation by Dartmouth students on May 31 at the Hotel at 5:30 or 6 PM. Topics covered will be invasive species and carrying capacity for back country trails and Mt. bike trails. Laura to advertise. Laura asked what types of events could be held at the mountain and reviewed a list of requests. To be discussed at the next meeting.

SGA High Meadows –Harrington Rd. dam property owner to be contacted. Sue reviewed sites looked at. So far no landowners have signed up for Trees 4 Streams.

New Business –

4th of July – Discussion on what to have at the table. ONRCD will be bringing the stream table. Barb agreed to do invasive species again. Sue to bring maps and ID cards. Town mowing sign-up suggested along with Trees 4 Streams.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm by Ted Siegler. Next meeting June, 2016

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall - secretary