

West Windsor Conservation Commission
Ted Siegler (Chair), Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington
Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Laura Stillson

October 7, 2013

Call to order 7:010 p.m., Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Barbara Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Andy Harrington

Guests: Dennis Lemire, Jim Lyall, Kathy Boetdker, Rudy Gross (town forest committee), Dan Potter (SWCRPC)

Approval of Sept 9, 2013 minutes

Motion: Ted Siegler moved to approve with corrections

Seconded: Barbara Gerstner

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

Bernachez – Discussion on whether the WWCC or the town will hold a trail easement.

Sue to draw up language and send it to Glenn and WWCC

Town forest – Laura handed out proposed trails for ATV use. All trails dead end. Rudy Gross stated how the forest committee feels, people are using it now and this way it could be controlled. Dennis Lemire stated that the committee voted 4-1 to allow ATV use. He then voiced his personal opinion of benefits of allowing town resident to use the trails. Rudy asked the WWCC to hold off on an opinion until after the first public meeting on Oct 17/Nov14. Horses also use the trails and will be invited to speak at the meetings. Cathy Boetdker made her statement against ATV use.

Forest Stewardship – Dan Potter (SWCRPC) has a grant to implement forest stewardship regional plans. He is looking to work with 2 towns to help update bylaws, which include forest plans and education of landowners on invasive species control and mapping. He would provide technical assistance. The grant goes to spring of 2015. Dan asked if the WWCC would suggest a project. He would like to get the word out to landowners about mapping that is available on-line.

New Business

Forest Grant – Ted and Laura are working o the grant. Dan Potter was asked to find out if SWCRPC can assist. Due Jan 15, 2014. Sue to ask Jon Bouton about the grant.

Trees for Streams – 2014 plantings are funded. Town sites will be reviewed on Oct 18.

Bowers Bridge Property – Dennis inquired, we are still waiting for a response.

GMHA easements – Barb stated that the executive director will meet with WWCC this winter to discuss.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 by Ted Siegler

Next Meeting November 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Sue Greenall