

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Mark Nowlan, Sue Greenall, Kathy Wood
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Guests: Craig Gardner

Call to order 7:05 p.m by Ted Siegler

Motion: Ted Siegler moved to approve Sept 16, 2019 minutes.

Seconded: Mark Nowlan

Vote: unanimous

Old Business

Town Forest – Bicentennial Trail reroute. Ted to send an e-mail to UVLT about trail changes. Oct 15 there will be a meeting with the select board and Mark will attend.

Mill Brook – Data to be reviewed in December and then decide how to proceed for 2020

Barton Road –completed. Discussion on getting photos of WWCC projects.

Queen Victoria Rd – The 2 erosion sites are on the road inventory. DEC to look at the site.

WWCC member –Kathy Silvester declined.

New Business

Ash trees – Discussion on value of inventory of ash trees in public right of way. Weathersfield completed an inventory, Sue to ask Roy Burton if he is interested in doing a similar inventory for WWCC. 42 miles of road in town. Ted to inquire with Martha what plans are in place.

State revolving fund – Town has a grant for \$645K of which 10% can be used for an ecosystem restoration grant (wetland restoration, stream restoration, river corridor easements, buffer plantings, river corridor plan, dam removal, SGA, updating plans). SWCRPC Chris Yurek is working on this. Suggestion to meet with him and then have him attend a WWCC meeting.

Class 4/legal trail inventory – DEC has a grant that will pay for towns to inventory their roads (some are trails).

Discussion on how many legal trails in town. Need to define legal trail usage. Suggestion to invite Mike to a meeting to discuss.

WWCC Priorities –Identify easement initiatives for high priority land

- Trail easements
- Bicentennial Trail relocation and maintenance
- Riparian buffers for streams
- Flood Hazard zoning

Next meeting –TBA.

Adjourned – 8:25

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall