

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2008

Members present: Medora Fraga, Paul Wilbur, Lee Wesler, Bet Zimmerman, Jean Pillo

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM

Treasurer's Report: No recorded expenditures. M. Fraga reported she is waiting for information related to the vernal pool grant before updating the report. A request to pay website expenses was made by B. Zimmerman. Action: M. Fraga to pay website fees.

Communications:

A copy of The Habitat was distributed to all present.
FSA newsletter was passed around.
A request to review the Neiski property for farmland preservation consideration Action: Pillo to add to next DRC meeting agenda
Plan of Conservation and Development grant program
Notification of Little River water diversion comment period
Notification of Dam repair project for Witches Woods Lake
LULA training information
QSHC mini grant announcement
QSHC annual meeting May 30 (CC approves Pillo to attend)

Old Business:

Development Review Committee – no meeting in April. Pillo expressed extreme gratitude for offer from Building Office Clerk, Tina with assistance with meeting agenda details. Woodstock Academy field site walk scheduled for May 1. An overview of conservation concerns related to this project was discussed. P. Wilbur recommended the March 17, 2008 review be forwarded to the IWWA before their public hearing. The commission discussed the possibility of working with other town boards to explore a town ordinance for a wetlands and watercourse setback. Action: Fraga to discuss at IWWA meeting. Pillo to seek existing regulations in other municipalities for guidance.

Open Space updates: No report. Action: Pillo and Zimmerman to update open space inventory.

Mapping update: NECCOG got a grant to provide updated digitized parcel maps to member towns.

Town Lands: no report

Town Held Conservation Easements: no report

Trail Inventory: Volunteers have been clearing trails at Roseland Park. An Eagle Scout project resulted in blue blazed trails behind Woodstock Elementary School. Trails need to be recorded with GPS and photographed.

Watershed Signage: Pillo got some quotes for interpretive signage. Will approach Roseland Park Board of Trustees for permission to post an interpretive sign at Roseland Park. A second sign to be posted at Muddy Pond. Possibility to apply for a QSHC mini grant to fund the signs. Putnam WPCA to be requested to provide any matching funds required.

Vernal Pool inventory: 13 Woodstock residents trained by CT Audubon Society. Several pools have been inventoried. P. Coughlin of CAS has applied to fund program for another season as a joint project with Pomfret and Eastford. Woodstock Conservation Commission requested to provide a support letter for the grant application.

Review of update to APOSC: no report. Pillo to add language about our relationship of APOSC with PZC PoCD

New Business:

Public Participation: none

Woodstock Conservation Commission support letter for CT Audubon Society application for financial support to continue vernal pool inventory – done

Open discussion:

Pillo announced Little River Source Water Protection team to meet May 1 to discuss Little River watershed water quality sampling done in 2005 and review Eastern Connecticut Conservation District purchase of new BMP technology (Aerway system) that will be used on a trial basis by several Woodstock farmers in an effort to reduce NPS for farm field runoff. QSHC water subcommittee will meet on May 13
Multiple workshops relevant to Conservation Commission mission are coming up. A list is available at www.trbp.org
Celebrating Agriculture day will be September 20 this year.

Move to adjourn by L. Wesler, seconded by B. Zimmerman. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by J. Pillo. Meeting minutes are not official until voted on at the next official meeting.