

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 27, 2008 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m

Members Present: Dwyer, Fraga, Pillo, Wesler,
Zimmerman

Members of Public Present: Grace Jacobson (considering
applying to be a member)

- Motion to approve minutes from last months meeting made by Fraga, seconded by Dwyer; Zimmerman and Wesler abstained, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: none
- *ACTION: Zimmerman to fix link on Town web site to selectmen's email (done)
- Communications:
 - Orion Development group management work shop
 - Green Valley work shop.
 - Forestry workshop: Dwyer and Jacobson may attend.
 - Letter from Robinson and Cole, proposed cell tower west of Sherman road. This is an application we already submitted comments on (the application received this time is more complete)
 - Court Support Services letter stating John Deary was on probation until Oct 8, 2009 for vandalism at camp Nahaco. *ACTION: Pillo to forward letter to Camp Nahaco Commission.

- Letter from Town Clerk Office stating we are to file our agenda electronically within 24 hours of our meetings.
- Rivers Alliance letter about surveys circulated in 2007. Results analysis is available, along with model ordinances (e.g., for pesticide use).
*ACTION: Consider model ordinances in re-write of A Plan of Open Space and Conservation (APOSC)
- Council of Environmental Quality invited us to attend a meeting on 10/22/08; received invite too late.

Old Business:

- Development review Committee Report: Reviewed 2 applications this month. Pulpit Rock Development and the Academy application again. For the Academy fields expansion she sent in stream walk report. Pillow attended zoning public hearing to reiterate report.
- OSLAC: no report. *ACTION: Pillo to contact Very who is Conservation Commission liaison for OSLAC.
- Open space inventory/ GIS mapping: Pillow met a DEP employee working for Susan Bakyoub on the open space inventory project in the town hall vault. Bakyoub has been working on this for 6 years. There is a difference in what the DEP is listing as protected open space and ours. The DEP will only list easements if we give them the data. They are also not counting PDR property, cemeteries, dumps, schools,

- or golf courses. *ACTION: Note differences in criteria in re-write of APOSC and on CC website.
- Town held Conservation Easements: No Report
 - Forestry updates: No Report
 - Website: all up to date
 - Celebrate Ag Day next year will be on Sept. 26, 2009. See www.celebratingagriculture.org for more information.
 - Trails Inventory: 50 Acre Wood trail needs maintenance and an arrow sign at the trail head.
*ACTION: Wesler to touch base with Graham about getting Boy Scouts to make a town beach trail and help with maintenance (e.g., removing brambles) on 50 acre Wood trail. If Boy Scouts are not interested Amanda Rice at Woodstock Academy should be called to see if she has student volunteers that would like to help, or check with Girl Scouts.
 - Watershed Signage: No Report
 - Vernal Pool Inventory: Three names of volunteers obtained at Celebrating Agriculture given to Jacobson.
 - Establish policy for hunting on town owned land: Discussion about public safety, donor requests/deed restrictions. General consensus that hunting was an important wildlife management tool, to be used on a case-by-case basis. Wesler recommended we check our plan to see what we already have written on the matter. Zimmerman indicated she did not think the APOSC addressed the issue in any depth. Zimmerman recommended language as a recommendation to Selectmen and for inclusion in

APOSC. *ACTION: Zimmerman to check APOSC and follow-up on hunting on town owned land at next meeting.

- QSHC Source to Sea- Roseland Lake/Little River: Pillo working on planning event for 5/9/09 at Roseland with boat rentals and historic society participation.

New Business:

- Public participation: none
- Open discussion: Zimmerman indicated she would be on travel almost full time from February – May of 2009. Pillo indicated that on behalf of the CC, she sent a thank you and congratulatory letter to Steve Broderick on his retirement.
- Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.