

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 23, 2009

Time: 7:35 pm

Place: Meeting Room A Woodstock Town Hall

Members present: J. Pillo, M. Fraga, L. Wesler, H. Hartland, S. Dwyer, G. Jacobson

Members of the Public: Crystal, Dottie Durst stopped in to invite us to a special meeting of WP&Z.

Approval/amendment of February minutes: Medora Fraga motioned to accept & Lee Wesler seconded – minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$731.39 available funds. Discussion of budget items needed for the coming year. Hope Hartland moved to accept report, Lee Wesler seconded, all in favor.

Communications:

- Letter from Last Green Valley to sponsor “Walktober event”.
- Copy of budget with check marks received.
- Notice re: Well Water symposium in Maine call for workshops.
- P&Z letter looking for participation at meeting led by Jim Gibbons to create our Plan of Conservation. Also included was notice of a stone wall survey being conducted here in Woodstock by a professor from UConn. Action taken: Request for members to attend meeting on Thursday – Jean and Grace will attend.
- Copies of publication “Habitat” given to all in attendance
- Notice of “in lieu of” payment on two sub-lot divisions on Pulpit Rock Rd. reviewed.

Old Business:

- Development Review Committee Report – No Action – no meeting.
- OSLA&APC report – None. We have no representative attending. Discussion ensued as to trying to fill position. Crystal will entertain attending as a CC representative if she is appointed.
- Green Team – Suzanna Dwyer spoke of April 25th Earth Day event at the Town Hall from 10-1pm. Hope Hartland will update display for this event and also agreed to represent CC and speak for a few minutes as to who we are and what we do.
- Vernal Pool update – Grace Jacobson reported that Paula Coughlin has info and she will be in contact with her to firm up trainings and surveys. Notices have been posted around town and in several publications (Villager, CC website, etc.)
- Source to Sea event – Jean Pillo went to Roseland Park Board of Trustees and everything was approved including boats as long as the Board is added as an additionally insured group. Lee Wesler is pursuing the use of Paddle Boats & Jean Pillo is looking for canoes/kayaks and discussion of the need to have boats available for public use. Jean will post to our website an agenda for anyone interested in attending and explained events that are already lined up. Discussion of other possible participants ensued. Lee Wesler has contacted and will follow-up with several different organizations to participate. Wesler spoke of Clean Energy Community status for Woodstock (we are 6 points away). Suzanna Dwyer spoke of what the Green Team will be doing.

Conservation Easement Project: Hope Hartland did the Potter's division survey. List was made and divided up and Medora Fraga will assist her. Discussion of how large a responsibility this project is and how we could use help.

Forestry: No report

New Business: Explanation of the need for doing water quality testing as our water sources are contaminated and possible ways of addressing and improving the water. We will be looking for help to participate in training and stream walks in June.

Discussion to order pencils w/web address as give-aways. Motion to order was carried.

Rain Garden Challenge to be promoted at May 9th event and also discussed ways to encourage people to make one, with pictures to be displayed at Ag Day. Pillo will do a presentation for us at the April meeting.

Public participation: - None

Open discussion: Lee Wesler informed us that Sue Westa will talk about Water Waterlands at the next consortium meeting for conservation issues.

Upcoming workshops: Discussion of possible sites in Woodstock for Rain Gardens came after Jean informed us that she was attending a workshop where Rain Gardens were going to be the topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Jacobson, Secretary

Note: These minutes may be amended prior to approval at the next Conservation Commission meeting.