

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2009
Meeting called to order: **7:36 pm**

Present: Crystal Adams, Suzanna Dwyer, Medora Fraga, Jean Pillo

Seating of Alternate: NONE

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$150.32 remaining in this year's budget. A motion was made, and seconded, that approximately \$100 of the money be spent on supplies needed, such as ink, photo paper, Velcro tabs for the display boards, etc., and the remaining amount be donated to the Audubon Citizen Science program.

Communications:

An invitation was received for a workshop on 6/17 from the Natural Resources Council of CT.

Old Business

DRC: No Report

Open Space and Farmland Preservation: No Report. Dwyer offered to attend a couple of future OSLA/APC meetings to update the WCC on that committee's projects/priorities and to evaluate a possible appointment.

Green Team: No Report

Vernal Pool Project 2009: Jacobson monitored five (5) vernal pools.

Source to Sea: Chairman Pillo reported approximately 200 people attended the event. WCC is awaiting the Nancy Gale "Lifestyles of Woodstock" video featuring Pillo and Adams discussing WCC projects and its rain garden initiative. It was agreed that an additional Source-to-Sea event should be planned for 2010.

Conservation Easement Project: No Report

Forest Report: Dwyer circulated text being proposed as an addition to Woodstock's Open Space and Conservation Plan (PoCD). The text was specific to the importance of forests/forest ecosystems to the area and specified many of the important human benefits realized from these ecosystems.

Dwyer requested input from WCC members regarding additions/changes to the text. Once input is finalized, the document will be provided to the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission (WPZC) and Woodstock Open Space Land Acquisition/Preservation Committee (WOSLAPC) members. The final text will be added to the Open Space and Conservation Plan/PoCD.

Pillo has committed to contact the Last Green Valley to see if they would offer another weekend retreat at Camp Woodstock for local conservation and forest advocates. Previous retreats were rated highly by all in attendance.

Update of Open Space and Conservation Plan/PoCD: No Report. See above section on Forestry.

Rain Garden Challenge: The display board is upstairs at Town Hall. Pillo will work with Zimmerman to do an article/column for the Woodstock Villager on this topic shortly. The Woodstock Arboretum and the WCC are in the early stages of discussion regarding the creation of a rain garden at the arboretum.

New Business

Public Participation: NONE

Open Discussion

End of Fiscal Year - supply needs. See above/Treasurer's Report.

Annual Report - Chairman Pillo will ask Jacobson to review activities of WCC for the past year.

Upcoming Workshops - There will be a Citizen Science/Stream Walk workshop/training this Saturday, June 27 at 9 am. Participants are to meet at the Ashford Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned: **8:36 pm**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Suzanna Dwyer