

Woodstock Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2009

Time: 7:40 pm

Place: Meeting Room A Woodstock Town Hall

Members present: C. Adams, H. Hartland, M. Fraga, G. Jacobson, B. Zimmerman

Members of the Public: Ani Colt

Approval/amendment of April minutes: Adams motioned to accept and Fraga seconded – minutes accepted with no changes.

Seating of New Members: Crystal Adams was approved as a new member this summer. Discussion followed in reference to Jacobson being asked to call Jim Graham and request his resignation. Some confusion as to why, as there is still room for members or alternates, and Graham's expertise is considered valuable. Like Zimmerman, he has been unable to regularly attend WCC meetings due to work conflicts, but both wish to continue on the Commission. Hartland to follow up with phone call to Graham, Zimmerman to update listing of members on website. Jacobson offered to email a reminder of meeting dates to entire list in future.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Approval of CACIWC increased amount to \$75.00 and approval of \$150.00 for LGV for Co-occurring Resource Analysis. H. Hartland to get check to Barbara Rich for this amount.

Communications: Letter from CRRA asking whether Woodstock was interested in being considered as a potential site for an ash landfill. Commission members expressed concern about the appropriateness of the hydrogeology of the area (aquifers and receiving streams) for siting, and traffic that would be associated with an ash landfill. Agreed not to pursue at this time, with a recommendation for Pillo to discuss rationale with Walker. Information on a Workshop on Well Water was given to C. Adams and A. Colt who expressed an interest in attending – to be addressed at next meeting.

Development Review Committee Report: Meeting was attended by J. Pillo, L. Wesler and guest G. Jacobson. Jacobson reported on two issues in the absence of both Pillo & Wesler. See DRC meeting minutes for details.

Conservation Easement Project: H. Hartland reported that she was able to take pictures at several different properties but wasn't able to get the GPS coordinates.

OSLAC: No report as no representative as yet. C Adams agreed to take on position and attend next meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The WCC expressed their appreciation to Adams for her willingness to take this on.

OSCP/PoCD: Jacobson & Fraga attended Planning & Zoning special meeting and have the schedule for the upcoming meetings. It was discussed and decided that WCC should come up with a list to bring to the next meeting after our next meeting when the list will be generated. B. Zimmerman offered to come up with a list of priorities and will e-mail before our next meeting.

Vernal Pools: Jacobson reported that the season is over for this year. Will resume in Spring 2010.

Forestry: No report. Jacobson will contact S. Dwyer by phone to see what her intentions are.

Celebrating Ag Day: Was decided that a Special Meeting to be held September 14th. Hartland will make arrangements.

New Business: Upcoming workshops: Well Water workshop scheduled for November to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting moved to adjourn by C. Adams and seconded by B. Zimmerman at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Jacobson, Secretary

Note: These minutes will be discussed for amendment or approval at the next scheduled WCC meeting.