

Woodstock Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2009

Time: 7:35 pm

Place: Meeting Room A Woodstock Town Hall

Members present: J. Pillo, M. Fraga, L. Wesler, G. Jacobson

Members of the Public: None

Approval/amendment of January minutes: Approved with change in amounts for training down to \$300.00 and an increase for outreach materials to \$269.00.

Treasurer's Report: None

Communications: Letter of resignation from David Lee Volz and Cheryl Dziura-Duke read and accepted.

Letter from Board of Selectmen approving change in member status for Grace Jacobson from Alternate to Full Member.

Letter from NRCC asking for WCC to join – discussed and decision not to join was unanimous.

Notice of workshop on Drinking Water Protection being held at QVCC on March 18th. Notice from Delpha Very that she cannot be the WCC contact at the OSFLAC meetings because of mandated work meeting conflicts.

Book on Greening and growing community from the DEP

Old Business: Development Review Committee Report – No Action

OSLA&APC report – None

Green Team – Suzanna asked for more info with the Source to Sea event and looking to see what they might possibly do.

Vernal Pool update – Grace contacted Paula Coughlin and will get the flyers and newspaper article made up and distributed within the next several weeks. The training is being offered at a discount to Woodstock residents of \$7.00 which will be reimbursed after they have done the sampling. Medora has brought the letter to the IWWA for their approval and it has been approved by them and also by WCC and given to Grace for distribution to Woodstock residents informing them as to what exactly a Vernal Pool is and what information we wish to collect and document. Mentioned that the purpose is to re-evaluate pools from last year and hopefully include new ones this year. Jean will provide last years report.

Source to Sea event – Jean to sit down and make a schedule. Mention of PaddleBoats as a possibility. Discussion of many other possible groups and events and how they will participate and help out. Seems to be coming together nicely. Discussion of training on March 14th at Muddy Brook fire department at 10 am. on how to addle eggs of resident Canada Geese which are said to be at Roseland Lake.

2009/2010 Budget: Jean explained what co-occurring resource analysis as she was informed that the budget needed to explain what the monies were being ear-marked for.

Lee explained that something similar was being done by NECCOG and it decided to look at these before going forward. There are still things to be worked out within the town assessor's office first.

Jean also suggested merging the Conservation Plan within the POCD after speaking with Delia so that both commissions wouldn't be doing the same work.

Conservation Easement Project: Hope contacted Jean and said she would be going out this Thursday to photograph and place markers on the Potter's division. She was hoping that someone would be able to help her. Monitoring manual was scanned into an electronic document.

Forestry: No report

New Business:

Woodstock Stream Walks w/CT Audubon: We will be looking for help to participate in training and streamwalks in June.

Nominations for CC Secretary: Grace Jacobson was nominated and approved as Secretary.

Public participation: - None

Open discussion: Suggestion to move meetings to 7pm vs. 7:30pm but wasn't a good fit at this time.

Lee discussed the consortium meeting for conservation and issues related with info and websites to look at in reference to ash landfill.

Upcoming workshops: Backyard Water Wise on March 2, CCNR workshop on March 9, Grace Jacobson wanted to attend, because the cost is \$75.00. It was put to a vote and approved. LUA workshop is a certificate program which is one day now. Grace Jacobson agreed to also attend this one.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Jacobson, Newly elected Secretary and keeper of the recorder.