

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room A

Members present – C. Adams, B. Bernard, G. Jacobson, J. Pillo, M. Robie, R. Senkowski, J. Stern & L. Wesler

Members absent – J. Audette & L Davidson

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Seating of alternates – None

3. Public participation – L. Sommer discussed his proposed advertisement for public participation in dogwood tree planting and L. Wesler will provide the Shoppers Guide with an ad for this generous donation to the Town. MaryEllen Ellsworth & Debora L. Lee with Carol Peters, were present from the Eastford Conservation & Historic Commissions along with Bill Reid from the Last Green Valley, to explain what they are proposing at the Crystal Pond Park property, which is co-owned by the Towns of Eastford & Woodstock, and asking for a joint effort with Conservation, to help create a trail as part of “The Connecticut Path” which runs thru that property in an effort to advertise this historic site and invite us to a talk on June 27th further explaining this undertaking. Stewart Morse from the Agricultural Commission was also present to endorse and further explain our upcoming joint talk on Feb.12, 2020 in reference to hopefully expand the reintroduction of the American Chestnut tree here in our area.

4. Approval/Amendment of minutes – J. Stern motion to approve, seconded by B. Bernard, all in favor.

5. Chairperson’s report – Called for a vote to reappoint C. Adams as our representative on OSLA&APC, nominated by J. Pillo, seconded by J. Stern, all in favor, C. Adams appointed. Received letter from Selectmen acknowledging A.J. Purcell’s resignation from the Commission and appointment of P. Spaeth as an alternate member.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Budget \$232.42 and special revenue \$2,161.10

7. Communications – Copy of CT. Wildlife.

8. Old Business:

- a. DRC Report – No meeting held
- b. OSLA&APC – Nothing to report
- c. P&Z report – Nothing noted in minutes but noted by J. Pillo that there was an application to designate Joy Rd. as a scenic road and as such, WCC should hold a DRC meeting to review this.
- d. Ag Commission – No report
- e. Stewardship – Any follow-up will be held off until Spring.
- f. Pesticide spraying by town – Covered last month.
- g. Dogwood Tree planting – covered above
- h. Pollinator Pathway Project – A meeting will be held at the South Woodstock Baptist church on Feb. 3rd.
- i. Sustainable CT. – L. Wesler will bring to the selectman a resolution to participate in this initiative as the commission feels that the Town of Woodstock can and should be part of this project as it will hopefully encourage the people of Woodstock in these efforts.
- j. Review of By-Laws – No changes requested. Approval to accept as written by C. Adams, Seconded by M. Robie, all in favor.

k. Election of Officers for 2020 – proposal to re-elect all officers as standing by J. Stern, seconded by C. Adams, approved by all in attendance. Officers for 2020 are: Chairperson – L. Wesler, Vice Chair – M. Robie, Secretary/Treasurer – G. Jacobson.

9. New Business:

a. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops –The joint program with the Agriculture commission on the American Chestnut will be on Feb 12th, 2020. Eastern Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee May 12, 2020 at 1 p.m. Pollinator Pathways meeting will be Feb.3 at the South Woodstock Baptist Church.

b. Open Discussion – All further discussion tabled until next meeting.

10. Adjournment – 9:10 motioned by C. Adams seconded by R. Senkowski, all in favor.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments. Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, WCC Secretary