

## Woodstock Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Meeting Room A

**Members present** C. Adams, J. Audette T. Anderson, G. Jacobson, J. Pillo, M. Robie, E. Smith & L. Wesler and Prospective new member, J. Stern

**Members absent** - L. Davidson, A.J. Purcell & J. Reck

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m.**

**2. Seating of alternates** – None

**3. Public participation** – None

**4. Approval/Amendment of minutes:** T. Anderson motioned, E. Smith second, all approved.

**5. Chairperson's Report** – J. Reck gave his notice as he cannot commit because of travel for work. T. Anderson also gave notice as he is moving to upstate NY, he will write an official letter to the Selectmen.

**6. Treasurer's Report** - \$303.88 in budget & \$192.26 in special fund.

**7. Communications** – copies of “The Habitat” and letter from Aquarion re awards nominations.

**8. Old Business:**

a. DRC Report – No report.

b. OSLA&APC – Valleyside Farm referendum will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> along with the Town budget.

c. P&Z report – Nothing concerning conservation commission directly.

d. Report on the Forest Management– G. Jacobson reported that forester has spoken with the logger who is saying that he is at least 75% finished but still needs approx. 10 more days of good weather to complete the job and that he has spoken with the Potrzeba's and they are okay with him going over the date of the contract as they are happy with his work to date. Discussion ensued on having a weed whacking party in June to manage the Japanese Stilt Grass. G. Jacobson will give further report after speaking with forester next month as he promised to mark patches of this noxious weed for us when project is finished.

e. Ag Commission report - G. Jacobson reported that the Ag Commission is continuing a plot by plot review of all properties in Woodstock while also moving forward with planning their workshop event at the end of September.

f. Salt Shed – J. Pillo emailed the state DOT and read the reply for us. It was decided that we, as a commission would be proactive and that J. Audette offered to draft a communication to all the abutters of the Salt Shed giving them a copy of the email J. Pillo had received and that we would also contact the BOS in hopes that they would stand behind this effort.

g. Stewardship report – It was suggested that we ask the Potrzeba's if they would be interested in being steward's for the Perrin/Quarry Rd. property when they are spoken to when we need to do our weed wacking project in June. G. Jacobson offered to follow up with them.

**9. New Business:**

a. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops

J. Pillo will be doing a Rain Garden workshop at Roseland Park on 5/30/18 and Rain Barrels construction between 6-7PM.

The WCCC meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Brooklyn Extension office.

b. Sustainable CT program – M. Robie gave us an overview of this program being presented by the state in hopes that the commission would wish to get involved and support this effort. The website for more information is: [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org) L. Wesler will email J. Stratos of the Green Team.

c. Open Discussion – B. Smith brought up Celebrating Ag day as a place that we, as a commission might address the problem of litter in our town and we might ask AJ. Purcell to get involved with his students. M Robie asked if anything has been discussed with Eastford CC in reference to Camp Nacho. C. Adams reported that the fund for the playground at the middle school has reached over \$80,000 of the \$100,000 needed and that there will be a Dog Wash fundraiser at Pet Value in Putnam.

Discussion of trying to implement a Cleanup Woodstock event as it has been very successful in surrounding towns.

**10. Adjournment** –E. Smith motioned, C. Adams seconded, meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

*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*