

**Woodstock Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Meeting Room A**

**Members present** J. Audette, G. Jacobson, A.J. Purcell, E. Smith & L. Wesler

**Members absent** - C. Adams, M. Robie & J. Stern

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

**2. Seating of alternates** – None

**3. Public participation** – Dirk Hanson who may wish to join as a member.

**4. Approval/Amendment of minutes** - Minutes were approved with the following amendments: a. ECCD rain garden workshop May 30 at Roseland Park from 7 - 8 PM. ECCD build a rain barrel workshop June 6 at Roseland Park from 7 - 8 PM. Thames River Basin Partnership is offering 20 free municipal scholarships for this year's Floating Workshop on June 15 (one per town on a first come first serve basis). The FW will be at Project Oceanology beginning at noon. Seventy people attended the Gypsy Moth workshop co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the New Roxbury Land Trust on April 17. b. Per letter from M.L. Alberts, First Selectman, Town of Woodstock, both Jean Pillo and Lisa Davidson are to be removed from membership status on the WCC as they didn't appear at the Selectman's meeting to be considered for reappointment and their terms expired on March 31, 2018. J. Audette approved, Lee seconded.

**5. Chairperson's Report** – L. Wesler reported on the WCCC meeting and about the upcoming legislature in congress re. Open space which was delivered by the director of CFPA Mark Hammerling. L. Wesler also contacted J. Stratos on getting involved with the Sustainable CT program presented to us last month by M. Robie and was informed that J. Stratos wasn't available to get any further involved at this time.

**6. Treasurer's Report** - \$228.88 in budget and \$192.26 in special fund

**7. Communications** – copy of CT Wildlife

**8. Old Business:**

a. DRC Report – No report.

b. OSLA&APC – Valleyside Farm referendum was approved.

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

d. Report on the Forest Management– G. Jacobson reported that project is being finalized but has been delayed because of weather.

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 – B. Smith read an article from the newspaper reporting that properties that have been tested and deemed in need will have new wells dug further back on their properties while stating that it was determined that the salt content was due to runoff from the road rather than from the Salt Shed.

g. Stewardship report – Nothing new this month.

h. Ag Day display – it was determined that we will focus on littering problems along the roadsides, some pictures and info on the forestry plan that has been going on and also we will focus on explaining what it is that our commission does in an attempt to elicit new members.

**9. New Business:**

a. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops – See amendments to the minutes above. B. Smith will be co-sponsoring two separate WalkTober events, one at “The Fen” and the other at Rocky Hill Rd. property. The Ag Commission event will be held last week of Sept. Celebrating Ag is scheduled for Sept. 22 and the CIPWG conference will be Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

b. Open Discussion – Discussion of trying to implement a Cleanup Woodstock event as it has been very successful in surrounding towns was again brought up and all members seemed on board with trying to get this organized and suggested that we ask C. Adams if she might head up this effort as she has been so successful in her efforts to raise funds and get people involved with the schoolyard playground project.

**10. Adjournment** –E. Smith motioned, J. Audette seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:04pm.

*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*