

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Meeting Room A

Members present C. Adams L. Davidson G. Jacobson, J. Pillo, A. J. Purcell & L. Wesler

Members absent - J. Audette, & M. Robie, J. Stern

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01p.m.

2. Seating of alternates – None

3. Public participation – None

4. Approval/Amendment of minutes - L. Wesler approved, G. Jacobson seconded, all in favor.

5. Chairperson's Report – J. Pillo has been reappointed.

6. Treasurer's Report – No report

7. Communications – Copies of Habitat a letter from CLCC asking for membership donations and some older reference materials were left from D. Fey.

8. Old Business:

a. DRC Report – No report.

b. OSLA&APC – No report. G. Jacobson inquired if we had access to the Open Space listing and L. Davison said she would get in touch with B. Smith and find out about it.

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

d. Report on the Forest Management– G. Jacobson reported that project has been finalized and a date was made for Saturday, the 28th to weed whack the stilt grass so as not to slow the growth of new trees as suggested by the forester.

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. It was noted that all three selectmen will be attending the next meeting on Aug.20th.

f. Salt Shed – The members of the public who had reached out to L. Davison didn't show up to our meeting and Lisa said that she would follow up with a phone call to them.

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. G. Jacobson will bring the poster display next meeting so it may be set up.

9. New Business:

a. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops – A reminder that the CT. Invasive Plant conference will be held at UConn on Oct. 4th. The hike to Bull Hill was very well attended and showcased by Windam Land Trust as a very important asset in our area. Representatives from The Last Green Valley offered up to people attending that they are offering a free Forest Management Plan for anyone interested in possibly donating lands for preservation and along with this announcement, confirmed that they donated \$2,500 to Windham Land Trust for further purchases surrounding Bull Hill.

b. Open Discussion – Discussion was continued on 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. The thought is to also advertise this idea at Celebrating Ag Day as a way to get the public involved. Hope to get things such as this listed on our website and making sure people know it is available. L. Wesler brought up that Windham County Conservation Commission asked for J. Pillo to do a talk at their next meeting. Suggestion was made that in our display of the Forest Management Plan we title it “Keeping the Woods in Woodstock” as a catch phrase which was very well excepted by the group.

10. Adjournment –L. Wesler motioned, J. Stern seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned

8:00pm.*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*