

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Sue Greenall, Bob Smith, Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan,
Barb Gerstner, Erik Schutz

Monday, November 2, 2009

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Call to order 7:10 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan, Ted Siegler, Sue Greenall, Erik Schutz, Barbara Gerstner

Absent: Bob Smith

Guest: Bambi Prigel, Deb Mithoefer

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Ted Siegler to approve minutes of Sept 23, 2009 meeting

Seconded: Sue Greenall

Vote: Unanimous

Deb Mithoefer discussed all potential ancient roads and each was categorized into unidentified corridors, potential roads with some evidence and potential roads with physical evidence and a layout and/or description. Bambi Prigel discussed her interest in several of the potential roads as recreational trails. Discussion followed on the value of each for recreational use.

Motion by Win Johnson

Seconded: Mark Nowlan

That the Conservation Commission report to the Selectboard the current results of Conservation Commission research of Ancient Roads in the Town of West Windsor. Potential Ancient Roads have been divided into three categories, with the following actions recommended to the Selectboard.

- ***Unidentified Corridors***: Roads that the Conservation Commission recommends that the Selectboard place on the Town Highway Map in 2010 to meet the requirements of the Ancient Roads legislation. One road falls in this category – the Pent Road running roughly from the Birmingham residence to the Fenn residence, for which there is a description of the road, but no lay out and very limited physical evidence.
- ***Town Roads***: Roads that do not need to be placed on the Town Highway Map in 2010 because there is sufficient physical evidence and either a Metes and Bounds description, or a Pent Road description – two roads fall in this category – (1) a road running from Cowshed through the Hale and Pakenham property to Bryant Road; and a road running through the former Padwelski property. These roads require additional research to determine the exact layout and/or if there is any evidence that they have been discontinued.
- ***Potential Town Roads With Some Physical Evidence***: Roads that do not need to be placed on the Town Highway Map at this time, but that need further research to determine if there is a Metes and Bounds or Pent Road description, and if they have been discontinued – three roads fall in this category – (1) A road running through Auger Hill to the Town of Reading; (2) A road running from the Reading Greenhouse into West Windsor and down to Churchill Road; and, (3) a road running from Rush Meadow Road to Bannister Road, beginning at the Dunn residence on Rush Meadow Road.

Vote: Unanimous

The Conservation Commission is continuing to be involved in the town plan rewrite and anticipates seeing proposed new language in the coming months.

Ted Siegler announced that two people are interested in joining the commission. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of increasing the size of the commission from seven to nine members.

Motion by Erik Schutz to keep the WWCC at seven members.

Seconded: Win Johnson

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted;
Sue Greenall