

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington
Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Laura Stillson

February 7, 2013

Joint meeting with the West Windsor Town Forest committee.

Ted outlined the history of the Bi-centennial trail and what issues the WWCC feels need to be addressed. A lot of dead wood from a blow down from TS Irene needs to be cleared. Tom Kenyon and Mark Nowlan also commented. Discussion from the TFC. Agreed that both groups would work together with the WWCC taking the lead and keeping the TFC informed. WWCC will GPS the trail and then present to the State for approval to alter the trail. An Act 250 amendment may be needed.

Dennis Lemire asked for an update on the purchase of the Neilson property. Ted Siegler and Tom Kenyon replied that discussion will resume after the town reappraisal is done.

Call to order 7:25 PM, Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Laura Stillson, Win Johnson, Chris Nesbitt, Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington

Welcome to Andy Harrington as a new member.

Approval of January 7, 2013 minutes

Motion by Mark Nowlan to approve minutes

Seconded: Chris Nesbitt

Vote: Unanimous

Phase 1 geomorphic assessment – The select board has tabled this until after town meeting. Ted will address at town meeting and WWCC will have handouts for residents explaining the value of this.

Trails Update –Chris presented a copy of the Greenall trail easement amendment. UVLT will be contacted and the SB will be asked to sign it at their next meeting. Discussion on groups holding trail easements in West Windsor. GMHA signed an easement on Spencer's property. Chris talked about potential conservation easements along Mill Brook. Suggestion to invite UVLT and VLT to the April meeting.

Town meeting – Sue will have handouts on invasive weed control

Welcome Bucket – Two landowners were identified as qualifying for the VT Coverts welcome bucket. It was decided to pass on the bucket and use the new town map instead.

New Business

Laura was asked to put her GPS points on a map for the next meeting

WWCC Priorities

- Identify easement initiatives for high priority land
- Working with the Town Forest Committee/Bicentennial trail
- Vernal pool inventory
- Trail easements
- Geomorphic assessment of major tributaries to Mill Brook

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm by Ted Siegler

Next meeting March 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall - secretary