

West Windsor Conservation Commission
Ted Siegler (Chair), Mark Nowlan, Andy Harrington
Barb Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Laura Stillson

May 5, 2014

Call to order 7:00 p.m., Story Hall, West Windsor

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Laura Stillson, Andy Harrington, Mark Nowlan, Guest: Win Johnson, Marie Caduto (ANR), Tom Kenyon (WWSB), John Broker-Campbell (SWCRPC), Evan Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald environmental Associates)

Approval of March 3, 2013 minutes

Motion: Mark Nowlan moved to approve

Seconded: Laura Stillson

Vote: Unanimous

Geomorphic Assessment – Evan Fitzgerald presented Phase 1 of Mill Brook (including Bailey Brook, Willow Brook, Beaver Brook & Reading Hill Brook). Phase 2 will start and go through the summer for 30 miles of stream. Discussion followed on hazard mitigation plans corresponding to results from Phase 2. Evan discussed both short and long term solutions.

Old Business

Town forest grant – Ted reported on a meeting with Trust for Public Land and the decision to hire an appraiser for the land the town would like to acquire.

Motion: Mark Nowlan moved to suggest to the select board to use \$6K from the conservation fund for the appraisal

Seconded: Laura Stillson

Vote: Unanimous

Replacement for Win Johnson – Sue Greenall will be suggested to the select board.

New Business

Potential trail easement off of Silver Hill Rd. Further information to be obtained

Trees for Streams – suggestion of Jimmy Yates, Chuck Armstrong, Owen & Ashley Crihfield, Kuhrt Wieneke

A Better Back Roads study was discussed, Tom Kenyon thought the town would be interested.

WWCC Priorities updated

- 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
- Develop methods to control invasive plants

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Ted Siegler

Next Meeting June 2, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Sue Greenall