

West Windsor Conservation Commission

Ted Siegler (Chair), Win Johnson, Mark Nowlan, Sue Greenall
Barb Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Chris Nesbit

January 4, 2016

Call to order 7:00 p.m

In attendance: Ted Siegler, Andy Harrington, Barb Gerstner, Laura Stillson, Mark Nowlan, Sue Greenall, Chris Nesbitt

Guests: Cynthia Rankin, Jim Lyall, Cathy Boedtke, Elvin Kaplan, Rudy Gross, Evan Fitzgerald.

Evan Fitzgerald presented the Phase 2 SGA and River Corridor Plan completed in 2015. Ted summarized the process to this point. Evan shared charts, maps and photos showing locations of areas he targeted for improvement. Discussion followed on each site. Evan suggested "Standard River Management Principles and Practices" (ANR) for suggestions for projects.

Town Forest Committee - Discussion on how to manage the conservation easement and running the ski area (MAO) and what committees would be responsible. Consensus was that the Forest Committee members should become Conservation Commission members. This would require the WWCC to expand to 9 members. Sue Greenall offered to give up her seat if someone wanted to replace her but she would remain on as clerk.

Motion: Chris Nesbitt moved to 1) recommend to the select board to expand the conservation commission from 7 to 9 members and 2) at the next meeting to stagger the terms of each member so that one or two is renewed per year.

Seconded: Barb Gerstner

Vote: Unanimous

Business meeting

Approval of October, 2015 minutes

Motion: Mark Nowlan moved to approve

Seconded: Chris Nesbit

Vote: Unanimous

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 9:05 pm by Ted Siegler. Next meeting Feb 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted - Sue Greenall - secretary