

Woodstock Conservation Commission
January 24, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 7:38

Attendance: J. Pillo, J. Keading, A. Colt, L. Wesler, C. Adams

C. Adams agrees to record minutes in the absence of G. Jacobson

No meeting in December due to lack of Quorum

November minutes reviewed

Move to Approve L. Wesler

Second J. Keading Unanimous vote to approve

Treasurer report: A. Colt

\$539 remains. Outstanding expenses CACIWC dues and website fees Many upcoming conferences Leaves us with about \$300 Motion to approve Keading Second Wesler - unanimous vote to approve

J. Pillo presented proposed budget for fiscal year 2011/12 with zero percent increase. Had to shift money from training to get markers for town owned property. Pricing those to get a better deal, found 1000 for \$400. Would like to get mapping software program upgraded but the price of \$1,500 is out of our means. Grant will funding will be pursued. Proposed budget includes \$250 markers \$50 CACIWC membership \$180 website \$300 training \$134 outreach Motion to Approve Wesler, Second Keading budget proposal approved. Pillo will forward to Board of Finance.

No public participation

Communications:

Zimmerman and Pillo applied for a grant from Northeast Utilities for new laptop. The grant was not funded.

Open Space:

C. Adams reported that representation from the CC is needed on a committee to look into funding options for open space purchases. Adams will go if no one else can go but would prefer someone else take on this responsibility. Follow up discussion on PR needed to invite people to participate on the committee.

Advocate: A. Colt reported group met in December, looking into a Woodstock grown brochure.

PoCD update: Pillo reported on a low impact development presentation to P&Z by Eric Thomas of the CT DEP that she attended as part of the PoCD process.

Development Review Committee did not meet in November or December. No updates on the Co-occurring Resource Inventory. No forestry or conservation easement update.

Scenic roads: P&Z met with town attorney, who confirmed their authority over what happens on scenic roads, not board of selectmen. P&Z will follow through on this, possibly have an advisory committee.

New business:

Annual Election of Officers:

Slate of candidates

J. Pillo - Chairperson

J. Keading - Vice Chair

A. Colt - Treasurer

G. Jacobson - Secretary

L. Wesler moves to accept ballot nominations, second by A. Colt. Vote Unanimous. Pillo thanks members willing to serve on the Commission in these additional capacities.

Annual bylaw review:

Pillo questioned whether the commission wished to maintain the policy that a full CC meeting requires 4 people to have a quorum, but subcommittees don't have to. Consensus of the group was to leave things as is. Motion to approve A. Colt Seconded L. Wesler - vote unanimous.

L. Wesler informed members about an invasive species workshop next week.

J. Pillo informed members about upcoming webinar series.

A.Colts informed members about The Last Green Valley green light campaign

J. Pillo presented meeting schedule for 2011

2/28

3/28

4/25

5/23

6/27

7/25

8/22

9/26

10/24

11/28

12/19

Pillo proposed that the CC develop an annual Work Plan to better focus our limited volunteer resources on achievable goals. Consensus of those present was supportive on this idea.

A.Colts moved to close meeting, Seconded J. Keading. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Subcommittee by C. Adams