

Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2011
7:30 pm
Meeting Room A Woodstock Town Hall

Members present: C. Adams, A. Colt, G. Jacobson, J. Kaeding, J. Pillo, L. Wesler, E. Zimmerman

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm
2. Seating of alternates – none.
3. **Approval/Amendment of minutes:** January minutes were recorded by C. Adams regular minutes were approved with typo noted on J. Kaeding's name and date corrected from 2001 to 2011. Discussion ensued in reference to a request from Town Clerk for missing minutes from previous meetings G. Jacobson will try and track those down and submit. C. Adams motioned to accept and J. Kaeding seconded, minutes were accepted as written. Zimmerman noted that previous agendas and minutes are not posted on the revised town website, but are available in hard copy, or electronically by request.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** J. Pillo reported a request for a copy of report but none was in our mailbox. J. Pillo did a quick accounting and we have approximately \$400 left in our budget. Approved by consensus.
5. **Public participation:** None
6. **Communications:** Reading of/actions on – Cell tower proposal received and it was determined that a DRC meeting will be scheduled to discuss. Letter from the Pomfret School asking the commission if we have any projects that students might help out with on a "Day of Service". G. Jacobson offered to follow up with them and project suggestion was cleaning and marking of 50 Acre Wood trail. A general permit was received from the Army Corp of Engineers. Copy of letter to P&Z from the Board of Selectman stating that no further millings will be used on Pulpit Rock Road. B. Zimmerman received a phone request for the Church on the Hill, to do a talk on the environment. J. Pillo will follow up and see if she can do this on May 1st. A notice of meeting on "Dark Skies" that A. Colt is attending tonight.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. DRC Report – No report as no meeting was necessary.
 - b. OSLA&APC – C. Adams informed us that the town is still looking for participants for the alternate funding sources committee which she is doing as a WCC representative.
 - c. AgVocate – Agricultural Committee has been formed and
 - d. Conservation easement update – None as yet.
 - e. Forestry Report – No report.
 - f. POCD update – A electronic survey was sent out and will be resent to all CC members from J. Pillo as members didn't all recall receiving the notice.
 - g. Co-occurring resource report – Our contact (Mike Ashultz) will no longer be doing this job but J. Pillo contacted him and he has assured us he will get all files to us before he leaves his position.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Annual Plan of Work – Discussion of what, as a group we would like to focus our efforts on in the coming year. J. Pillo downloaded the requirements, thru the State, of a Conservation Commission and went over them with the members present. It was agreed that we will come up with several priority projects to focus our efforts in the up-coming year in accordance with both the state and town statutes.
 - b. Open discussion – A. Colt reported on the meeting she attended of Dark Skies which dealt with night lighting and making people aware of how it effects the quality of life in our town. L. Wesler told us that State Archeologist Nick Bellantoni Will be speaking at the WCCD meeting on April 14th and to e-mail him if anyone wants to attend, in order to reserve seating, as it will be open, up to the public. Natchaug River Basin Compact has been drafted and is ready for signatures from town officials and per J. Pillo, the commission needs to make the officials aware of, and recommend signing of this document. Motion was made to write a letter, all approved, motion passed. J. Pillo will compose. J. Pillo informed the

commission about the severity of budget problems and how such entities as The Last Green Valley are not in a position to continue if the budget cuts that have been suggested come to pass.

- c. Upcoming workshops/summaries: CCNR conference is this coming Monday, G. Jacobson will attend.
- d. Upcoming events: - None mentioned.

9. **Adjournment** – 8:58 pm motioned by I. Wesler, seconded by B. Zimmerman, all members approve.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments.

Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, Secretary WCC