

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

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm
2. Seating of alternates – none.
3. **Approval/Amendment of minutes:** February minutes were approved by A. Colt, seconded by C. Adams, all in favor with no further discussion.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A. Colt gave an accounting of anticipated remainder amount of \$180.00 after budgeted items to be paid. E. Zimmerman voted to approved, seconded by C. Adams, approved by all.
5. **Public participation:** None
6. **Communications:** Reading of/actions on – Connecticut Wildlife, CT. Preservation News, The Habitat, copy of CT. Audubon State of the Birds survey, confirmation that L. Wesler has been re-appointed and nothing from S. Dwyer so her term has lapsed. Letter from the Ct. Citing council about the Quassett road cell tower application.
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. June 14th will be a public meeting to hopefully show us how to get things started here in Woodstock.
 - c. AgVocate – Agricultural Committee has been formed and they are still looking for people who will serve on this committee next meeting is April 2nd. Discussion followed about a change in the wording from Best Management Practices to Accepted Management Practices which was felt to be a step in the wrong direction. Ray Covino was asked as to the difference and according to him, BMP is much more in line with what we need and want. Action to be taken, J. Pillo will write a letter to J. Kaufman explaining why the WCC feels it is important that they adhere to BMP vs. AMP.
 - d. Conservation easement update – G. Jacobson met with H. Hartland and got copies of sub-division list which will be forwarded to J. Kaeding who offered to go to town hall and look them over and possibly update our list. C. Adams & G. Jacobson walked the 50 acre wood trail in anticipation of Pomfret School students coming to help clean and remark the trail as a service project. We will take pictures and E. Zimmerman offered to post on our website. Per J. Pillo a land owner is about to list some Open Space and she will get in touch with them so that hopefully, one or more of the commission members can walk the land with her.
 - e. Forestry Report – No report.
 - f. POCD update – Nothing new. Members were reminded to fill out the surveys.
 - g. Co-occurring resource report – We have our maps and J. Pillo will follow up with P&Z.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Green Team update – J. Pillo reported what a good job they have been doing and suggested WCC send them a letter of support and acknowledgement.
 - b. Open discussion – J. Pillo brought up the Dark Skies project and the documents that have been presented to address this problem. C. Adams offered to ask her husband (a master electrician) to look them over and the decision was made to hold off on any action by WCC until we hear back from him. J. Pillo has been tasked with finding three spots to install demonstration rain gardens by the ECCD. First site she will suggest is at the Woodstock Historical Society and it will also be a memorial for Doug Zimmerman. Second site suggestion is at the Woodstock Town Hall and third, finding a suitable site at the Woodstock Fair Grounds. Motion was made by G. Jacobson to support these rain gardens, seconded by E. Zimmerman, approved by all with J. Pillo abstaining.

- c. Upcoming workshops/summaries: G Jacobson reported on the CCNR conference at UConn that it was very informative and covered many issues that do in fact impact conservation issues and the monitoring and tracking them.
- d. Upcoming events: - None mentioned.

9. **Adjournment** – 9:04 pm motioned by G. Jacobson, seconded by E. 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