

Westford Conservation commission - Meeting Minutes 1/30/08

Attendees: Chris Dawson, Joel Fay, Julie Elmore, Pat Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Mark Peloquin, Sarah Pinto, Mark Winer

WCC's elected new officers for 2008 - Chris Dawson, Chair, Julie Elmore, Vice-chair, Mark Peloquin, Treasurer, Pat Hechmer, Clerk

Ben Ware has resigned, leaving an opening on the WCC.

In 2008, the WCC will continue to focus on development of the Town's public trails with special emphasis on the Goodrich Trail. Because of the fragile condition of part of the trail (i.e., a streambed runs through the trail), we will explore possible grants to improve the trail. Work continues on putting up trail signs on the Goodrich Trail.

Spring and Fall nature walks are planned to celebrate and encourage use of the Town's trails.

The WCC is looking at the possibility of creating some private trails and will check with landowners.

There is continuing activity regards formalizing the school trails (i.e., plan to name them).

Work continues on the WCC portion of the Town's website, with a plan to add a mission statement and sub-directories.

About 70% of the WCC t-shirts have been sold. Those left are in limited sizes and colors. Any new orders will be special order.

The WCC will have a booth at Town Mtg. to showcase its work and to take orders for its fundraisers (t-shirts and tree orders).

Locomotion has still not provided the WCC with a password to edit Westford's inputs on its trails.

WCC's role in land trust is seen as providing residents with good information. There was discussion around a possible mailing to those owning more than 100 acres of land.

Westford was well represented at the 1st Annual Conference of the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization on January 25. Julie Elmore and Pat Hechmer reported on the conference.