

Westford Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes, 3/26/08

Attendees: Chris Dawson, Julie Elmore, Joel Fay, Pat Hechmer, Mark Peloquin,
Mark Winer

Improving Goodrich Trail:

Discussion focused on realistic goals for this project. A scope of work is needed prior to applying for grants. Sarah Pinto provided a list of agencies to apply for grants for public trails; Pat Hechmer will contact Vermont Youth Conservation Corps regards their consulting services. The goal is to work towards applying for a grant for 2009. Most agencies have a 12-18 month lead time.

School Trails:

Joel Fay has a color-coded map of the school trails. He will ask Westford Elementary principal on how to proceed with naming the trails and coding for degree of difficulty.

Creating a connecting trail to Hanley Road:

A permission letter has been drafted and will be sent out to the four property owners whose permission the WCC is seeking to use an existing trail on private lands. The letter will be followed with a phone call. This work will be coordinated by Sarah Pinto, Mark Peloquin, Chuck Magill, and Joel Fay. The group needs to scope out options for parking at the Essex end of the trail.

Nature Walks

Mark Winer presented plans for the WCC's annual Spring and Fall nature walks. Jim Robischek, Master Herbalist and Westford resident, will lead the walks. Tentative dates are Saturday afternoon 5/31 or 6/7 (Spring), and 9/20 or 9/27 (Fall). Details will be announced at next meeting. Event will be advertised in Town newsletters (Julie Elmore) and Mountain Gazette, Essex Reporter, and Seven Days (Mark Winer).

T-shirt fund raiser:

T-shirt fund raiser has not reached a break even point. No more orders will be processed until there are more customers. Julie Elmore will advertise in the school newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

Farmers Market Brochure:

Spring/summer update in progress. Chris Dawson is trying to get funds to print in color.

