

Westford Conservation Commission Meeting - April 22, 2009

Attendees: Chris Dawson, Joel Fay, Patricia Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Mike Nelson, Mark Peloquin

### General

Green-up Day coordinator Julie Elmore will have maps for participants to mark the area they will clean-up.

The Conservation Commission sponsored tree and shrub sale made a profit of approximately \$500. Delivery will be May 2nd, Green-up Day.

T-shirts are still for sale at the Town Office (1 for \$12, 2 for \$20).

The first of a series of articles on invasive plants was written for the Town's April newsletter. The goal is to heighten awareness and get feedback on invasive plants. This first article focuses on Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*, syn. *Polygonum cispidatum*)

### Conservation

Work continues on the Natural Resources section of the Town Plan.

The following were researched following questions from residents:

The VT Dept. of Agriculture does not do referrals so that farmer to farmer conversations can take place regards enrollment in current state programs.

If land is enrolled in current use program and subsequently developed, a one time land use change tax is incurred. There is no penalty if you exclude the area you think you may want to develop when you apply for current use.

### Trails

The Trails Committee will review the Greenways and Trails section of the Town Plan.

The Schulz Trail needs some minor maintenance work.

