

Westford Conservation Commission (WCC) - 1/27/10 Mtg. Minutes

Attending: Joel Fay, Patricia Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Mike Nelson, Mark Peloquin, Dan Strobridge, also Dave Tilton, Selectboard

In order not to conflict with school vacation, the WCC will not meet in February, but will postpone its February meeting until March 3rd. It is important that all WCC members attend this meeting.

The WCC is currently without a chairperson. Until a chairperson is named, Patricia Hechmer, WCC secretary, will serve as contact person for the commission.

The chairperson:

- a) serves as liaison to other Town boards
- b) assigns members to attend appropriate Town meetings (assignments are based on a member's interests)
- c) manages meeting agenda and works to integrate new members

The Town Planner was notified that the WCC has no input for the 2010 capital budget.

A letter will be sent to owners of designated open land regards the Town's stewardship program. The letter will reference the deed as documentation of the open space. (Mark Peloquin)

The Town Planner notifies the WCC chairperson of new open land parcels.

The Conservation Fund received a \$100 donation. A thank you note will be sent. (Mark Peloquin)

The Trails sub-committee would like to hire a certified trail designer for the Goodrich Trail. Grants are being investigated. (Sarah Pinto)

It was agreed that the WCC would continue with two sub-committees, Trails and Conservation, with monthly meetings of the whole WCC.

Given their oftentimes mutual interests, the WCC and Energy Committee are planning to discuss possible collaboration between the two groups.

It was suggested that WCC create photo documentation showing before and after improvement of a Town trail to present the public with a concrete image of the work of the WCC.

