

Westford Conservation Commission (WCC) - 3/24/10 Mtg. Minutes

Attending: Joel Fay, Patricia Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Mike Nelson, Mark Peloquin
Sarah Pinto

The Town of Milton is in the process of planning a 30+ parking lot to access the Bove property, purchased by the Town of Milton, with contiguous portions in Milton and in Westford). Area residents are concerned with the planned impact to the area's significant communities and to any wetlands. The WCC will offer support in gathering information.

Chuck McGill took the WCC's request for a table at the Westford Farmers Market to the Market's board. There has been no decision regards the request. If approved, Earl Mongeon and Pat Hechmer have volunteered to staff the table.

The Tree & Shrub Sale is underway with an April 17th deadline for orders.

Joel Fay and Sarah Pinto have requested and been granted permission from the Selectboard to post the Town trails so they will be closed during mud season.

The WCC's Adopt a trail program is still in place. Discussion took place on how to recognize the adopters and promote the program.

The WCC is interested in developing a Land Management Plan for the school property. Joel Fay will spearhead this project. The goal is to define a basic management plan and share it with the School Board. Sarah Pinto has contacted the VT Division of Forestry for advice. The intent of a management plan is to insure responsible practices for the well used and naturally diverse land surrounding the school.

Mark Peloquin will attend an upcoming Trail Mapping Workshop.

Westford 2nd, 5th, and 6th grade classes have volunteered for Green-Up Day. Mark Peloquin and Julie Elmore are working to accomodate teachers' request to have bags and dumpster ready for April 23rd (the Friday before Spring break).

Sarah Pinto will deliver brochures, "Westford Public Trail Guide & Information", to the Westford library.

The WCC reviewed the Implementation portions of Town Plan. Sarah Pinto will deliver to the Planning Commission a proposed trail map, including current trails, possible Ancient Roads to trails, and proposed greenways.