

## Westford Conservation Commission (WCC) - 4/28/10 Mtg. Minutes

Attending: Joel Fay, Patricia Hechmer, Chuck McGill, Earl Mongeon, Sarah Pinto, Dan Strobridge

The WCC along with Melissa Manka, Westford Town Planner, continue to monitor the Town of Milton's plans regarding the Bove property along the Milton-Westford border and including portions wholly in Westford. There are concerns with the scale of the project relative to the large Class 2 wetland which has been classified by the state as a significant natural community.

Mike Snyder, Chittenden County Forester, has been contacted regards performing a site review of the school property and advising on a forest management plan. Rebecca Roy, Westford resident and VT coordinator of "Project Learning Tree" is interested in involving the school's students in some way.

A trail outing/clearing day focused on the Schulz trail has been tentatively set for Sunday, May 23rd. The public will be invited to participate. The plan is to meet at the Machia Hill trail head at 10 am and bring shovels, hand tools, and gloves to assist in digging water bars and clearing debris. The event will be announced in Front Porch Forum.

The rest of the Goodrich Trail needs to be marked. The work will be coordinated with a future trail day.

The Westford Selectboard met with Mr. Budell regards his interest in smothering invasives by carpeting sections of the Schulz and Goodrich trails. The Selectboard will make a decision regards his plan.

To protect trails during wet seasons, Chuck McGill will order signs indicating "Trail Temporarily Closed".

Westford students participation in Green Up Day on 4/23 was a success. They collected approximately 32 bags of trash. This does not include all the hubcaps, recyclable bottles, plastic, and metal that was collected. Prizes for the strangest finds went to: 2nd grade - Evan Mercier for the heart covered head band; 5th grade - Rosalie Farmer for a scare crow; 6th grade - Elena Doty for a RIP Halloween grave stone.

As part Westford Library's summer program, the WCC has arranged a program on the Brown's River watershed and the Fish Passage Project with representatives of the VT DEC River Management Program and US Fish and Wildlife.

Chuck McGill reported that sales from WCC's annual tree and shrub sale were down from last year.

Joel Fay will follow-up on a lead regards possible interest in putting a local property in conservation land trust.

The WCC will order more copies of the latest edition of the booklet Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook produced by the USDA Forest Service.

The WCC will staff a table at the Farmers Market to make available information on conservation and natural resource programs.