

WESTMINSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting, Thursday, 5/28 2020 at 7:15 P.M.

Location: Westminster West Town Hall

Discussion Session (no official business as is an unwarned meeting)

1. Call to Order

Present: Tatiana Schreiber, Stephen Major, Naomi Craig, Rachael Shaw

2. Adjustments to Agenda none

3. Acceptance of Minutes: 12/5; 1/30; 2/27 – 10 [3 meetings]
unwarned meeting so this is postponed

4. Communications and Public Comment:

Recruit new member in case Arthur moves from Westminster and is no longer an official member.

5. Unfinished Business (Discussion / Action) -

a) Invasive species brochure – discuss progress/assign tasks

New deadline - don't need an actual deadline. Rachael Cohen had offered to do some editing once we determine best format. Naomi almost done with all drawings.

Next work session - our next meeting will be a work session on the brochure. NOFA has a new section on invasive species in their recent newsletter.

Review budget – write budget request to town. Tatiana to review to see if there's anything we want to add.

b) Town Plan recommendations – share Planning Commission revised outline

plan joint meeting with PC to determine how best to collaborate on this. We all felt this was a good idea. We could propose meeting at the WW Grange. Tatiana will contact Kathy Kingston to plan this meeting.

c) Review plans for educational events: (likely will have to postpone) –

1. Spring beaver deceiver educational event –

This will be postponed for now, we can revisit later in the summer. We discussed possibly making a film about it at some point, but will not be taking that on right now.

2. May ephemeral walk – postponed for now.

3. Westminster Town Forest walk – schedule/plan - invite the Wednesday walkers to walk in the Town Forest. They walk in a safely distanced way every Wednesday and Saturday mornings for about 2 hours, meeting initially at the Westminster West Church at 9 am. Stephen will research who to contact to plan a walk to the Black Gum swamp for one of the upcoming group's walks.

d) follow up from Road Crew conversation of 2/27/20

potential ash tree inventory - this isn't something we can complete right now with our numbers.

6. New Business (Discussion / Action) –

- a) Change to our procedures due to CoVid 19 restrictions

Work collaboratively with Town to make sure we are following protocol. We are masked and sitting 6 feet apart and there are 4 of us in a large space, so this is a safe and appropriate meeting, as per rules for town government meetings.

7. Other Business:

8. Date of Next Meeting: June 25, 7:15 This will be a work meeting on the invasive species brochure. WW Grange is a good option for a meeting place.

9. Adjournment at 8:35 pm