

## WESTMINSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Discussion Session (Unwarned meeting), Thursday, 10/1/2020 at 7:15 P.M.

Location: Westminster West Town Hall

1. Call to Order at 7:15 pm.

Present: Tatiana Schreiber, Stephen Major, Rachael Shaw, Kestrel Craig.

2. Adjustments to Agenda:

Begin with new member recruiting discussion. Arthur has moved to Brattleboro so we currently have 4 members.

Rachael will ask Cynthia Hughes, John Crockett, Pat Daniel, Bari Shamas, (also Daron Tansley, Jan Ameen.) Tatiana will ask Cheryl Charles son. Tatiana will write up something for the Front Porch Forum and the Gazette. We will all try to think of people who may want to join.

3. Acceptance of Minutes: 12/5; 1/30; 2/27, 5/28, 7/23 – 10 [5 meetings] - postponed as this meeting is unwarned.

4. Communications and Public Comment: none.

5. Unfinished Business (Discussion / Action) -

a) Invasive species brochure – discuss progress/assign tasks – will do work session at next meeting.

New deadline - not determined

Next work session will be October 29, probably at the Westminster

West Library.

Review budget – write budget request to town, postponed.

b) Town Plan recommendations –

Regarding farmer input: Farmers to ask: Rachel Ware, Seth Holton, Evan Harlow, Clayton Goodell, David Major, Taylor Acquaviva, Linda Smith, Mike Collins, John Richardson, Dan Crocker, Fraser Cooper Ellis.

Rachael will send our Google document with our suggestions to Kathy Kingston of the Planning Commission once we have voted to do so at a warned meeting. Stephen will connect with Rachel Ware and Clayton Goodell to ask about their input.

Discuss progress/assign tasks

6. New Business (Discussion / Action)

a) recruitment of new members - discussed this first.

b) report back from Saxtons River Watershed Plan meeting. Tatiana and Rachael attended via Zoom. Tatiana emphasized the importance of protecting upland forests and recommending incentives for farmers and homeowners to plant riparian buffers. Margo Ghia would like one of us to be represented on the Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative, Kestrel will look into it.

7. Other Business: none
8. Date of Next Meeting: October 29th (work session)
9. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Rachael Shaw, secretary