

WESTMINSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting, Thursday, 4/28/2022 at 7:15 P.M.

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1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

Present: Alma Beals, Sarah Waldo, Tatiana Schreiber
(chair), Kestrel Craig, Ashlyn Stephens (guest observer),
Rachael Shaw (secretary), Stephen Major (vice-chair)

2. Adjustments to Agenda (none)

3. Acceptance of Minutes: 3/24/2022 - Minutes read and accepted by
unanimous consent.

4. Communications and Public Comment: We received a letter from
Charles Degenkolb concerned about the way trees were cut along the
sides of the roads. Other Westminster residents have also mentioned
that they have some concerns about the tree cutting. Tatiana will invite
the road crew to the May meeting to discuss these concerns. Sarah will
write a letter back to Charles, apologizing for the delay, suggesting that
he contact the road crew himself, and sharing next steps.

Ashlyn Stephens is interested in helping the Conservation Commission
with some of our projects currently.

5. Unfinished Business (Discussion / Action) –

a) Invasive/problematic species brochure – most of our files were lost,
so Tatiana has been trying to recreate them, repair the format, and
filling in some gaps so that all the entries are similar in content and
length. Tatiana and Kestrel will coordinate completing the brochure.
We do have room for one more plant-possibly barberry, Virginia
creeper, wild parsnip, or giant hogweed. We will decide at another
meeting if we want to add any other species.

b) Website for Conservation Commission – Rachael emailed Kelley at the Town Hall to find out who to contact about the website. She did not have their name and suggested that we just send information to the Town. Rachael will try to find out the name of the Town’s website coordinator. In the meantime, we can all send anything we would like included on the website to our gmail address.

c) Allen Marsh forum – continue planning - Michele Bos-Lun would rather not moderate; she suggested John Ungerleider of the Greater Falls Community Justice Center in BF. Tatiana will ask Michele to reach out to John, and then go from there. We need a date before we ask Kim Royar if she can attend. Michele would like to be there, and said that possible dates are June 16-28, July 7-25, or after August 1st. August would probably be best (between August 1-14, maybe a Tuesday evening 6-8 pm, with food), because by then Marie Caduto will have water test results. Tatiana had a discussion with Kevin Brennan about beaver deceiver ideas, possible future uses for the Sevca building if/when they vacate it due to flooding issues (envision a nature center there!). Kevin would like to attend our forum and knows a biologist who works at Sevca who would like to attend as well.

d) May ephemeral flowers walk- we have permission from the landowners, parking for 4-5 cars, about 11 people signed up so far.

e) Lawn article – came out in the Gazette today, thanks to everyone for their help. Rachael will send everyone the text of the article in case they would like to share it with friends or on social media.

6. New Business:

a) Demonstration, shared google docs for new members - postponed for now

b) New educational workshops –

1. Pollination appreciation workshop (Rachael, Sarah will work on this, and Ashlyn will volunteer to

help), Everyone will think of a potential location for the next meeting. Ashlyn suggested a family activity making pollinator hotels.

2. Town forest trail scouting (parking/accessibility questions). To be discussed at June meeting.

c) Guidelines for Commission meetings - postponed for now

7. Other Business: We will add a longer discussion of the Town Forest to another meeting (June, so Stephen can be there). Arthur Davis may still be able to help with trail work, when we get to that.

8. Date of Next Meeting: May 26, 2022. Location, Institute, perhaps outside.

9. Adjournment at 8:45 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Rachael Shaw, secretary