

**Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A**

Members present: C. Adams, P. Garrison, G. Jacobson, J. Kaeding, M. Robie, J. Pillo & L. Wesler
Absent: W. Loftus & E.Z. Smith

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:34p.m.**
- 2. Seating of alternates** – None.
- 3. Approval/Amendment of minutes:** J. Pillo motion to approve, seconded P. Garrison.
- 4. Chairperson’s Report** – J. Kaeding reported that he had submitted the budget for next year in the amount of \$914 as we were requested to keep it the same.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report:** \$645.63 in the budget and balance of \$2,190.69 in savings.
- 6. Public participation** – Marc Cohen gave a presentation on “Protecting Potential Aquifer Sources” which the commission then discussed that we would like to arrange a further meeting with members from other Town Commissions to understand this issue and how to possibly help in preventing any further damage to our extremely important water sources.
- 7. Communications** – Notice of permit renewal from DEEP for Crabtree & Evelyn to continue to discharge treated wastewater.
Notice of 2016 CT. Land Conservation Conference to be held at Wesleyan University on March 19, 2016. Letter from same asking for us to become members to support this group. Commission again decided against this as we certainly don’t have any funding available for this.
Letter from The Last Green Valley informing us that they are doing Spring Walks to promote conservation. Was decided that we will participate. G. Jacobson will submit the form.
A copy of a letter from P & Z Chair, Jeff Gordon asking the selectmen to form a task force on scenic and unpaved, non-scenic roads.
A letter addressed to WCC concerning vernal pool survey permission granted to Paula Coughlin now being rescinded as the property in question is up for sale. Jacobson will forward this information to Paula.
- 8. Old Business:**
 - a. DRC Report – None held
 - b. OSLA&APC – No report.
 - c. P&Z report – No report.
- 9. New Business:**
 - a. Open Discussion – J. Pillo would like a Lake discussion meeting held – she will coordinate the details. Motion to accept this proposal by L. Wesler, seconded C. Adams, all members were in favor. L. Wesler reported that there was a presentation on further promoting tourism on Rt. 169 given at the WCCC meeting last month but many more people must get involved before any concrete plans are formed.

Discussion was brought to the table about needing more members to be effective in our responsibilities as commission members. Suggestion to poll former members to see if there is any interest in returning and/or sending personal letters to people we collectively may know that will be interested and available to devote time and energies to our duties.

b. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops – As mentioned above, CCNR conference on March 14th, many felt this is a very good conference if people are available.

c. Annual Review of By-Laws – All members present confirmed that they had re-read the by-laws and didn't feel there was any need for changes at this time. G. Jacobson mentioned that she was asked to give a hard copy to the Town Clerk's office to have on hand and it was also discussed and decided that a copy of said by-laws should be on the Town website as well as the Commission's website.

d. Nomination & Election of Officers for 2016. Slate was presented as follows: L. Wesler for Chairperson, J. Pillo for Vice Chairperson, G. Jacobson for Secretary/Treasurer. Slate was voted on as presented and passed unanimously. Unfortunately, for the commission, our present Chairperson will be resigning from the commission completely.

10. Adjournment – C. Adams motioned, L. Wesler seconded, meeting adjourned 9:15PM.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments. Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, WCC Secretary