

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 13, 2006

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m. with Marshall Patmos, Jim Blake, Walter Derjue and Jeff Smith in attendance.

The minutes from March 2, 2006 were read and approved.

There was no report on the Conservation Fund this month.

Jim reported on the roadside cleanup scheduled for April 22, 2006. He said 20 people have signed up so far and he has worked out 12 sections of roadway for potential cleanup. Everyone is to meet at the Town Hall a little before 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts (thanks to a generous offer by the Westmoreland Garden Club), and instructions. Jeff said he would have the coffee and donuts at the Town Hall by 8:40 a.m.

Regarding Open Space Planning, Marshall reported that Phil Auger, Extension Land Conservation Specialist, will speak to an open meeting of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee on May 3rd. Marshall said he would remind John Lukin to be sure to get the word out to everyone.

Jim was asked by the Planning Board to make any suggestions we might have regarding the Site Plan Review Check List. Along this same line, Marshall passed out copies of the current Major Subdivision Checklist and Minor Subdivision Checklist. Jim had 2 proposed additions. The first one would be added as Item 5 under Section D of the Site Pan Review Checklist. It would read:

5. Are the wetland resources, as defined by the town's Wetland Resource Map (January 2005), included on the site plan? These shall include public wells, aquifers, intermittent and perennial watercourses, wetland indicators including USGS Wetland Areas and USDA Hydric Soils, as well as the town's wetland buffer zone.

In addition, it is proposed that the following statement be added to item 8 of both the Minor and Major Subdivision Checklists:

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There was further discussion about adding "areas subject to periodic flooding" to the Site Plan Review Checklist as Item 6 under Section D. Marshall will send us suggested wording for consideration. Marshall will talk to Lauren Bressett, Chairman of the Planning Board, as to what our role would be in the Site Plan Review Process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jeffrey P. Smith
Secretary

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