

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 2, 2006

The meeting convened at 7:12 p.m. with Marshall Patmos, Jim Blake, John Lukin, George Duke, Walter Derjue and Jeff Smith in attendance.

The minutes from February 2, 2006, were read and approved with one change. The words "Conservation Commission" were deleted in the ninth paragraph last line between the words "District" and "Chairman".

Jim reported that \$3,080 of the \$9,035 due to the Conservation Commission's Conservation Fund had been received so far. The Conservation Commission is to receive 50% of the penalties paid for changes in current use status. Joanne LaBarre said we haven't received the funds because the town hasn't been paid yet. Marshall will check with Joanne to see what the process for collection is as well as get a report on the current balance in the Conservation Fund.

Jim reported on the roadside cleanup. He said he had talked to Bob Clark who was very helpful regarding some groundwork that had been done by the Lion's Club on this subject. George Duke and Jeff Smith agreed to pick up the bags of trash from the roadside. Jeff said he will deliver coffee and donuts to the rendezvous site on the green in front of the town Hall at the start time of 9:00 a.m. To start getting the word out, Jim said he would put up a poster regarding the roadside clean-up in the Town Hall.

Jeff reported that the display boards of the winning photos for the "Aren't We Lucky...to Live in Westmoreland" photo contest are done and will be hung in the Town Hall within the next few days after getting some direction from the Selectmen as to where they would like them. George said he would be happy to put an announcement on the email newsletter.

Marshall said there was nothing new to report regarding the water fluctuations out of Mill Pond in Chesterfield. It's out of our hands at this point.

Marshall spoke with Jeff Blecharczyk, former Wetlands Inspector for the NH Dept. of Environmental Services, regarding the problem of bank erosion due to a large number of log jams along our brooks. He said they should be handled the same way as beaver dams. They can be removed without a permit as long as it is done carefully without breaching the stream banks. And he said permission needs to be obtained from the landowner.

John reported on the Open Space Committee. He said the monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 28th went very well. He also said he had spoken with Dick Ober, Executive Director of the Monadnock Conservancy, regarding possible dates to speak before an open meeting. More on that later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jeffrey P. Smith
Secretary

UNAPPROVED MINUTES