

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 13, 2005

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

The minutes from September 1, 2005 were read and approved.

Jeff reported on the "Aren't we lucky....to live in Westmoreland" photo contest. With the deadline rapidly approaching, he said that notices have been posted at the town hall, Village Store, library, Westmoreland School, and Stan's on Route 12. While there has been a lot of interest expressed, photos have been very slow to come in.

Jim talked to the new Principal at the Westmoreland School as well as the town Road Agent regarding the spring clean-up. Tentative interest was expressed.

George reported that his email newsletter was shut down for allegedly "spamming" but after 4 days it was re-instated and 80 % of the people chose to continue subscribing.

Kyle Keith's new building on South Village Rd. near the intersection of Rt.12 was discussed. There was further discussion about how we, as the Conservation Commission, all too often see, hear, or learn about activity after the fact, which puts the Commission in a bad light and in a poor position to have input. With recent flooding problems, it's more important than ever that the Commission review proposed building projects and anything that impacts wetlands. A checklist would be the logical solution. As the Zoning Administrator, Bruce Smith is the point person and Marshall will invite Bruce to our next meeting to discuss this issue.

A notice from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission regarding the deadline for ordering the updated 2006 Planning and Land Use Regulation Manual was read. The deadline for ordering was September 30th at a price of \$10.00 for member towns. John said he would call to see if it was still possible to get 2 or 3 copies.

The styrofoam that stretches down stream from Stan's on Route 12 was discussed. As a result of the flooding, there is a tremendous amount of the material extending down stream. It was decided that there probably isn't much that can be done. While it is very unsightly, it isn't particularly hazardous.

Jim reported he had been back to Partridge Brook and there really isn't a good site for the car top boat launch on the north side. There are a couple marginal possibilities on the south side near the jail. Jim will summarize the results of the search at the next meeting.

John reported the initial meeting of the Land Protection Committee will be on Tues., Nov. 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Marshall said he would send a letter regarding date, time and place to all those who have expressed an interest. Jeff said he would contact Jack Zeller directly. Marshall said so far there has been no response from the Planning or Zoning Boards or the Selectmen.

George said he was willing to coordinate volunteers to man the town dump but he had reservations about this approach versus hiring someone from Waste Management.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jeffrey P. Smith, Secretary

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