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Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 4, 2021 (in person)

**Attending:** Anne Degan, Andrew Harper, Donald Hart, Deborah Hennessey, Loretta Murphy

**Absent:** Marisa Bolognese, Annie Fujii, Jeff Lennox

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:13 pm

**Requested Changes to Agenda:** Phone call at 7:20 pm with Mike Kiernan, Bee the Change, added as agenda item

**Public Comment:** None

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Donald Hart moved and Andrew Harper seconded to approve October 7, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

### WCC Projects Update

- **Turner Road Trail Prospects:** Andrew Harper scouted a 1-mile cleared section for a potential pedestrian-only trail from Peabody Hill Road to Turner Road. Donald Hart noted most of the road is designated Class IV (not maintained for yearround passage). He said Turner Road to Moses Pond Road is in need of stone-lined ditching. He suggested speaking with Road Foreman Almon Crandall, or maybe Windham Regional Commission and/or Agency of Natural Resources for more information on whether a pedestrian-only trail is feasible there.

- **Weston Energy Plan:** Retta reported on a meeting with Earth Matters and will follow up with the regional planning commission to see how we might get involved with VECAN (Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network).

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** Anne, Deborah and Andrew, along with resident Dan Degan, cleared the quarter-mile trail from the start at Rte. 155 to the beaver pond. A cleared spot just after the trail entrance has been readied for the kiosk; Weston Historical Society to provide the text to go with the photos and maps.

- **Bee the Change:** We had a lengthy phone conversation with Mike Kiernan, executive director of Bee the Change, a statewide program to create pollinator habitat. This would involve designating an acre of municipal space, school space, or other area—currently mowed or unused—for a dynamic pollinator meadow. Bee the Change would provide the seeds, expertise, and potential manpower to foster a successful transformation. Twenty-five Vermont towns are participating so far (detailed notes from phone call in addendum). Flood Brook School and Green Mountain Garden Club were suggested as possible collaborators, along with the Londonderry Conservation Commission.

- **Weston Community Garden Project:** Nothing new to report on this in Marisa's absence.

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**Adjourned:** 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Degan

Next meeting: December 2, 2021, 7 pm, in-person