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Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2020 (Zoom meeting)

Attending: Anne Degan, Ann Fujii, Andrew Harper, Jeff Lennox, Loretta Murphy

Absent: Donald Hart, Deborah Hennessey

Meeting Called to Order: 6:09 pm

Requested Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approve Minutes: Annie F. moved and Andrew seconded to approve May 7, 2020 minutes. Unanimously approved.

WCC Projects Update

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** Andrew reported that email correspondence with the US Forest Service in Manchester was disappointing and did not sound as though this is a project the Forest Service is eager to take on. At any rate, the Forest Service must follow general National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines to determine if there are artifacts, make sure there is VTRANS coordination for parking, etc. The Forest Service also wants a barrier at the entrance to the wetlands beaver pond area to prevent a lot of foot traffic there. Andrew is following up; it may be that the most we can do is continue to use the trail as is, clear brush on an informal basis, and eventually place an informational kiosk at the start of the trail off Route 155.

- **New Projects:** We are continuing to pursue the idea of a bike and/or walking path along the river bank connecting the Playhouse and the town's recreation center. Anne D. to check with the Planning Commission to see if it has information on past plans and/or the old state grant application for the same project years ago. She will also touch base with Nicki Pfister about the Weston village bike and pedestrian scoping study to see if any part of that project might coincide with this one. Ann F. to check with Kim Price whose land abuts the proposed area and may have ideas.

- **Green Up Day:** All went well. It was noted there was much less road debris than in previous years. Retta attended the May 30 Green Up Day celebration on the Green.

Old and New Business

Okemo Wildlife Corridor: Annie F. will touch base with Andy Tanger of the Okemo Wildlife Corridor, following up on our \$100 contribution approved in February. She noted that the group was able to raise what it needed through fundraising efforts, and may want to return our contribution.

Community Garden: Retta spoke with Marisa Bolognese and will invite her to attend a future WCC meeting to discuss this further. A local donor has offered to fund the community garden project, which might include a community plot for local organizations, a children's spot, educational programs, etc. The group needs a place for the garden and has explored space at Kinhaven and the town recreation center, but nothing suitable has been found to date.

Adjourned: 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Degan

Next meeting: July 2, 2020, 6:30 pm, Weston Town Office (or ZOOM)