

Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2020 (Zoom meeting)

Attending: Andrew Harper, Deborah Hennessey, Jeff Lennox, Loretta Murphy

Absent: Anne Degan, Ann Fujii, Donald Hart

Guest: Marisa Bolognese

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

Requested Changes to Agenda: Moved Community Garden discussion to beginning; added interpretive sign at Cold Spring Brook Memorial Park under Old and New Business

Public Comment: None

Review and Approve Minutes: Tabled to next meeting (lack of quorum to approve)

WCC Projects Update

Community Garden: Marisa Bolognese discussed her vision for a community garden and four-season greenhouse – a great way, she said, to introduce young children to gardening and bring the community together in all sorts of ways: possible winter classes, coordinated programs with Flood Brook students and the new Pop-Up University, a community plot for local food banks and organizations, a children’s spot, educational programming, etc. Marisa has talked with representatives of the Rec Center, Kinhaven, Flood Brook, the local Garden Club and the Inn at Weston about potential programming and possible sites for both the greenhouse and garden. Each location has specific challenges, but she is continuing to explore possibilities, including refurbishing the existing greenhouse at the Inn and using space behind Coleman House for the garden. A local donor has offered to help fund the project; WCC members will work with Marisa to try to move the idea forward.

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** Andrew urged WCC members to submit comments supporting the project during the official US Forest Service public comment period. He plans to get together with Bob Brandt of the Historical Society to discuss signage and photos for an informational kiosk at the start of the trail off Route 155.

- **New Projects:** Anne D. checked with former Planning Commission member Tim Goodwin to see if he recalled anything about the old Rec Trail bike/walking path proposal. Tim suggested other people and neighboring landowners we will want to contact if we decide to pursue the project, but he did not personally recall anything specific. Anne also touched base with Nicki Pfister to see whether there might be a tie-in with the Weston village bike and pedestrian scoping study, but there doesn’t appear to be one (Anne absent but sent info by email).

Old and New Business

Cold Spring Brook Memorial Park: Interpretive sign with photos looks great all agreed! Lots of information, great photos, etc.

Okemo Wildlife Corridor: Deborah to check with Annie F. to see if she contacted Andy Tanger of the Okemo Wildlife Corridor, following up on our \$100 contribution approved in February

Adjourned: 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Degan (absent but listened to the recording)

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