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Weston Conservation Commission

Minutes – August 4, 2022

Attending: Loretta Murphy, Ken Hall, Marguerite Mason, Donald Hart, Chris Morrow

Public: Allison Lynch, Jim Linville (selectboard)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04PM

Ken Hall was nominated and voted in as chairperson for this meeting given that Mr. Harper was absent.

Requested Changes to the Agenda: none

Public Comment: request to make Zoom link available online for easy access

Review of June 2 minutes: numerous changes were made. Mr. Hall will distribute the final version for the record. Motion: Mr. Hall, Second: Mr. Hart. Passed.

Review of July 7 minutes: Edits made as follows – 1st paragraph: “approved” was changed to “discussed.” 6th paragraph, beginning with “Discussion ensued...”: “also conceded...expedite matters,” was removed. Final sentence: Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Hennessey at 8:20pm. Motion: Mr. Morrow, 2nd: Ms. Murphy. Passed.

Election of Officers:

- There was a discussion as to whether we needed rules and/or roles of the officers defined before we elect officers. It was determined we did not.
- Mr. Hall proposed that we elect officers. The term will be until the meeting following Town Meeting 2023, at which point there will be a new election of officers.
- *Chairperson:* Mr. Hart nominated Mr. Hall to be Chairperson. Mr. Hall called for other nominations. There were none. Morrow seconded the nomination. The vote passed.
- *Secretary/Clerk:* Mr. Morrow was nominated by Mr. Hall. Ms. Murphy seconded. Passed
- *Treasurer:* Ms. Mason was nominated by Mr. Hall. Mr. Hart seconded. Passed
- Mr. Hall thanked Ms. Hennessey for her service to the Commission and Mr. Harper for his efforts as Chairperson.

Peabody Hill Trail: Mr. Harper, through Ms. Murphy, said he will schedule an outing in October for survey and maintenance. Discussion ensued about the legal status of the trail because part of it was on private property and that it was on some historic maps and not others. It was determined that this needs further discussion at subsequent meetings. To be put on the agenda.

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Civilian Conservation Corps Trail: Mr. Harper, through Ms. Murphy, let us know that there were errors on the sign/map that had been drawn up. He will work with the Forest Service to correct them.

Old/New Business:

- Mr. Hall brought up the resurrection of the CC website and domain – westonvtconservation.org. The aspiration is to revive and update the site to fulfill the public communication function of the CC. He let us know it was paid for by personal credit card. It was determined that a link to this site from the Town website should be established.
- Mr. Morrow suggested that having public commission business transacted with personal credit cards was bad practice and wondered if there was a Town account that can be used to pay for this in the future.
- The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan draft is open for public comment and the CC is mentioned in it. Members should review the plan, available online, and submit comments.
- Ms. Murphy brought up her desire to create a Renewable Energy Plan. It was determined that Ms. Murphy and Mr. Morrow will be an ad hoc Energy Committee which will provide input to the Planning Commission and other Town entities. They will contact the Windham Regional Commission for support.
- Ms. Mason asked about Bee the Change. She will get current information about this program from Ms. Hennessey.

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Murphy, Second by Mr. Hart. Adjourned at 8:22PM.