

DRAFT Minutes for the Weston Conservation Commission Meeting

December 7, 2017

Attending: Annie Fujii, Ken Hall, Donald Hart, Deborah Hennessey, Jeff Lennox

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were no public comments and no changes in the agenda. The October minutes were circulated. A motion was made to approve the minutes with revisions, seconded by Don.

Cold Spring Brook Park – There was discussion about the reimbursement process for our part of the fee for the CSBP engineering report. Ken agreed to speak with Kim about the best procedure. Ken will update Jeff on the procedure, as Jeff has the invoice. Jeff had no real updates, just some edits on the CSBP report. Once the edits are done, that will be the accepted report. Jeff noted that the cost estimate for the removal of the lower dam was 56K, with 5K less for partial removal. Jeff asked DuBois and King to revisit the estimates. Annie asked about sketches or some vision of what the stream channel and park would look like after the work had been done. It was agreed that some clarification on grading and appearance around the stream would be appropriate. Overall, Jeff was pleased with the report and final product. There was also some discussion about the upper dam monitoring. Ken explained that there had been a series of holes in a straight line to determine at some point if stone work moves from the straight line. Some clarification will be needed regarding the upper dam monitoring, and the cost for this work. Annie noted that the WCA was very pleased with the progress that the task force was making on the park project. Ken thanked Jeff for his work on this project.

2018 Appropriation Request – There was discussion about the WCC appropriation request. Ken suggested taking a new approach by asking the town to donate the \$750 to the Perry Neff Conservation Fund, noting that other towns fund their Conservation Commission this same way. Don explained how Londonderry CC is funded. Don offered to do some homework on Conservation Comm funding. Don also mentioned that he would obtain some information on the Londonderry CC. Ken noted also that we have made a library donation, as well as supporting the efforts

Old and New Business- It was agreed that we should have a January meeting. Going forward, we also discussed doing something with the Londonderry Conservation Commission. Ken mentioned that we reconsider the possibility of water testing. A fact sheet was circulated on SeVWA, Southeastern Vt Watershed Alliance, a non-profit organization that has done considerable water testing in the area. Jeff asked about the plan to meet every other month. Jeff offered to help with the meeting scheduling/notification, and just wanted some clarification on meeting every month or every other. Deborah agreed to follow-up on the book donation to the library. We also discussed contacting Andrew to fill the open seat at the WCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Next Meeting: Jan 4, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Hennessey