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Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Attending: Anne Degan, Annie Fujii, Andrew Harper, Deborah Hennessey, Jeff Lennox, Susan Sommer

Absent: Donald Hart

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Requested Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approve Minutes: Susan moved and Andrew seconded to approve August 2, 2018 minutes. Unanimously approved (Jeff abstaining).

WCC Projects Update

- **Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC):** WCC is a member until 2020.
- **Library Books Donation/Collaboration:** Deborah will follow up with the chair of the Londonderry Conservation Commission to discuss a joint forum with WCC and Wilder Memorial Library.
- **Cold Spring Brook Park:** Jeff reported Dubois & King will meet with the local task force Sept. 10 to present design concepts for removing the lower dam, stabilizing the upper dam and restoring the original stream flow; plan creates a meandering stream with 1-foot drops or “shelves,” incorporates large existing boulders and fills in areas damaged by Irene. An interpretative marker will be placed at the site which is listed on the National Historic Registry. No permitting problems are expected. The plan next goes to the state for approval and then to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for final sign-off. WCC continues to act as a technical resource.
- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** Andrew will organize a hike to the area this fall (probably early October) with interested WCC members.
- **Web Site:** Annie and Susan will work to fix access/passwords for the WCC Web site. WCC will then decide at a future meeting which is the best vehicle for publicity: Facebook page, Web site, etc.

Old and New Business

- **Emerald Ash Borer Strategy:** Annie invited anyone interested to attend Sept. 11 meeting in Bennington on EAB strategies. Members thanked Anne D. for putting together the EAB insert for recent tax mailing. It was agreed that WCC’s role will be to help with public education/publicity as selectmen work to come up with a town policy to deal with the issue.
- **AVCC Summit:** Annie, Anne D. and Andrew expressed interest in attending the Sept. 29 daylong summit at Green Mountain College in Poultney. Andrew to request check for \$120 (\$40 each) to attend.
- **Green-Up Day:** Scheduled for first Saturday in May. Annie raised the possibility of conducting a formal survey of ash trees along town roads as part of Green-Up Day.

Adjourned: 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Degan

Next meeting: October 2, 2018, 7 pm, Weston Town Office