

## WESTMINSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting via Zoom, Thursday, 8/3/23 at 7:15 P.M

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. Present: Tatiana Schreiber (chair), Rachael Shaw (sec.), Kathy Kingston, Kestrel Craig, Sarah Waldo.
2. Adjustments to Agenda- none
3. Acceptance of Minutes: 7/6/23 –Sarah moved that we accept minutes, Kestrel seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous consent.
4. Communications and Public Comment: none
5. Unfinished Business (Discussion / Action) –
  - a) Website for Conservation Commission – status – Sarah was not able to attend the Selectboard meeting. She penned a letter to the Selectboard. Sarah will request time at an upcoming Selectboard agenda to address the website.
  - b) BEEC/Broadreach proposal –Lots going on. Denise Burchsted (hydrologist/civil engineer) is researching/analyzing water flow in Westminster and is meeting with 8-9 representatives of several groups (BEEC, Land Relations Coalition, LEAG, CC's, Road Crew and Selectboard member Stephen Major) at the Henwood Marsh and in the Westminster West village wetland on August (date TBD). Tabling event at the West West fair on Sept 9. Other tentative programs are: Sept 10- Beaver Presentation/in WW with Patti Smith, Sept 24- Henwood Marsh with Skip Lisle. mid-October-a presentation with Denise and town officials. Nov 12- forum to include wide variety of officials and public. New flow device to be installed in Henwood Marsh paid for by the Broadreach Grant. More updates as they become available.

c) Continue comments on Natural Resources section of TP - some progress made.

d) Comments on Agriculture section of TP. Tatiana, Sarah and Rachael will schedule a time to have an editing session.

6. New Business:

a) Upcoming project ideas. Chuck asked us to consider plantings to replace trees taken down near WW Cemetery. Kathy will call Tatiana to discuss this.

Pollinator Observation Event: Date set for Saturday, Sept 16 11 am-12:30 pm. Rain Date: Sunday Sept 17. The Commission gives Rachael permission to plan and publicize the event. Rachael will ask Jane Collister if she'd like to participate.

Prioritize 3 – 4 projects, develop timelines, etc.- table this and put on agenda for next meeting.

7. Other Business: none

8. Date of Next Meeting: Sept 28th, 2023. Cake for Kathy and Tatiana's birthdays!

9. Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Rachael Shaw