WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2025 6:00 PM

WESTFORD TOWN OFFICE

Present: Kirsten Tyler (RKT), Joel Fay (JF), Elias Rosenblatt (ER)

Guests: None present

<u>September minutes:</u> No alterations were made to the September meeting minutes. JF moved to approve, RKT second, all approved.

<u>Changes to Agenda</u>: No alterations to meeting agenda.

Public comment: None.

Trails:

Bridge Permit and steps/timeline – The planned bridge project on Riverside north trail on the school trail network has progressed. All materials for project have been purchased and prepared for use, excluding concrete for anchoring the bridge. JF and ER moved all lumber to staging area near site. JF, ER, and Sarah Pinto (SEP) worked to clear downed trees and woody debris along the rerouted trail. Bridge construction will begin following permit approval from the state, following the conclusion of the appeal period on 10/16. WCC members will work to construct bridge over multiple days. ER will find plaque to acknowledging the funding source.

Landowner Communication Document – There are no update on this document. The Selectboard is actively editing and updating this draft document.

<u>Nature Conservancy Grant</u>: RKT identified potential grant funding from the Nature Conservancy for land conservation. Unfortunately, Westford is on the western edge of the area of interest, with only a few properties elegible for conservation. Given the limited number of properties, and the eligible areas adjacent to VT Route 15, this grant is likely not a suitable fit.

RKT moves to adjourn, JF seconds, unanimous support. 6:52 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025 6:00 pm, Westford Town Office