

WOODSTOCK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday May 15, 2024

6:30 PM

MINUTES

31 The Green

Woodstock, VT 05091

Members present: Al Alessi, Chair, Judy Dossett

Public present: Carol Wood, Dick and Bonny Atwood, Jon Harrington, Kevin Woolford & Inez Hoeree, Kenneth Danila, Andy Caffery

Staff present: Steven Bauer and Stephanie Appelfeller

NO QUORUM – Public Hearing rescheduled for 5/22/24 at 5:30pm.

The Commission and members of the public had an informal discussion regarding drainage solutions along Barnard Brook/Gulf Stream and other areas experiencing heightened water levels.

Carol Wood and Dick and Bonny Atwood spoke regarding the flooding along Pomfret Road and Stimets Road and the issues created by the high-water table.

The feasibility study to remove the Billings Dam was provided and discussed. Steven Bauer informed the group an application would need to go to the Agency of Natural Resources from the Woodstock Resort Corp as they are the owner of the dam. Al suggested holding a meeting for more public input. Two Rivers may be able to provide support that removal of the dam can match the regional plan. Steven mentioned he can call Two Rivers and inquire about the process and possible funding.

Andy Caffrey lives at 15 The Green along the Ottauquechee River and has lost 3 feet of elevation in back yard since Irene. There is a fault line behind the homes in this area and Steven said ANR is aware of the issue. Al mentioned seeking grant funding for flood resiliency.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm