

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
280 VICTORY HIGHWAY
Thursday, June 12, 2014, 7:00 pm

Note rescheduled date of the meeting!

REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

"BIG PICTURE" NEWS AND OBSERVATIONS -Melting ice in Antarctica; New EPA standards for coal-fired plants; State legislative proposal to refund current initiatives for distributed energy generation technologies; a note on unbuildable lots, typical preservation parcels and stewardship plans, and the grant priorities, staffing and budgetary limitations of DEM, TNC et al.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

- Town Boards updates, especially on the note on the importance of significantly improving recycling in order to keep town resident taxes down; also, on how the conservation development ordinance can best be applied in a targeted fashion
- Treasurer's report and on final expenditures ending the fiscal year
- Natural Resource Monitoring
- Big River: update
- State/Regional: RIACC's May meeting: CC delegates from around the state, including Cumberland, Gloucester, Jamestown, Hopkinton, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, on the idea of a contest (or report) profiling a different town's CC projects each month - still pondering the question of how nearby/regional CC's can best reinforce each other
- Social Media/website: notice inviting new commission alternates
- Memorial Day - the parade as an outreach/information event
- Other

NEW BUSINESS

Beginning to think about summer but especially fall activities in relation to the key issues of our town - considering the kinds of development now taking place in relation to our town comprehensive plan and conservation inventory of open/valued spaces, also along with the recruitment of new alternate commission members - e.g., younger folks!

- with different mind-sets, skill-sets and perspectives on new ways of approaching citizen action

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