

# January 9, 2013

5:00 p.m., Land Use Mtg. Room

**Members Present:** Susan Payne, Ann Quackenbos, Alt., Randy Bernard, Alt.

**Absent:** Phil Markert, Linda Frank, Diane Dupuis, Phil Dutton, Betsy Corrigan, Alt,

**Staff Present:** Shelley White

**Others:** Dirk Sabin

Chairman Susan Payne called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Ms. Payne announced that Mr. Dutton has resigned as a Commissioner of the Town of Washington Conservation Commission and she thanked him for his years of service. She stated Mr. Bernard has been appointed as a Commissioner and welcomed Mr. Sabin as an Alternate of the Conservation Commission.

Seated: Susan Payne, Randy Bernard, Alt., Ann Quackenbos, Alt

## **Consideration of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the December 5, 2012 Conservation Commission Meeting were considered.

Corrections:

Page 5: Sentence beginning with "Mr. Looney responded" should read: "Mr. Looney responded... protecting the outlying site from potentially being developed."

Next sentence should read: "He stated that this has worked well..."

Motion:

to accept the December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Commission as amended,

by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Ms. Quackenbos, passed by 3-0 vote.

## Officers for 2013

Motion:

to keep the current slate of officers (Susan Payne, Chairman; Linda Frank, Vice-Chairman), by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Ms. Quackenbos, passed by 3-0 vote.

## Town Plan of Conservation and Development

### Sustainability

Ms. Payne asked that the Commissioners carefully read the Draft Sustainability report by Milone & MacBroom and be prepared to discuss and provide feedback at the regularly scheduled Conservation Commission Meeting on February 6, 2013. She stated that she would provide this feedback to the Planning Consultants once CC has had the opportunity go over the report together.

## Cell Tower Update

Ms. Payne stated that she talked to the First Selectman and was told that Town Counsel is

reviewing some of the legal language in the proposed lease with Homeland Towers for 10 Blackville Road. She noted that there would then be an informational meeting for the Town and a balloon float. She informed the Commission that there is a moratorium on any approvals for this site until March 1, 2013.

## **Other Business**

### Stone Wall Ordinance:

The Commissioners agreed that they would move forward and work on this issue.

### New Preston Open Space:

Mr. Markert and Mr. Dutton worked on property in December and Ms. Payne suggested that the Commission could possibly schedule another work weekend if there is mild weather.

### Knotweed Eradication:

Ms. Payne stated that the eradication of the knotweed is an ongoing process. Mr. Sabin suggested educating property owners along the Shepaug about this invasive species. There was a brief discussion regarding ways to educate the public.

Ms. Payne stated that the Nussbaum Easement has been signed.

Ms. Payne noted that the wind farm has been approved in Canaan, CT.

## **Adjournment**

Motion: to adjourn at 5:35 pm by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Ms. Quackenbos.

Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted subject to approval,  
Shelley White, Land Use Clerk