

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES February 7, 2024 Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Payne, Mr. Conroy, Ms. Stagen
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Faison
ALTERNATES PRESENT:
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OTHERS: Ms. Frank Ms. Waldron, Ms. Fernandez

Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. and seated Ms. Stagen and Mr. Conroy.

Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2023 and December 6, 2023

Motion: To accept the September 6, 2023 and December 6, 2023, meeting minutes as written by Mr. Conroy, seconded by Ms. Stagen. Passed unanimous.

Invasive Management– Linda Frank

Ms. Frank sent out Aston Hodges's report regarding the invasive project that was held last summer at the New Preston property to commission members. The commission is waiting for E. Faison attendance at C. C. meeting to discuss/explain the findings of the report.

New Preston Open Space Management-Phragmites, Ryan Conroy

R. Conroy mentioned that there is not much to report at this time due to it being winter. He would like to have the commission consider what their vision is of the area and suggested possibly putting in pathways and a seating area which would allow people to enjoy the space.

Pollinator Planting Plan

Commission members continued discussion on where to place a possible pollinator garden. L. Stagen stated her desire to have the garden placed at the New Preston Open Space. R. Conroy suggested the commission include the WEC and the New Preston Open Space in the discussion regarding the planting plan as well as clarify what funds are available to complete the project.

Tree Regs Progress

Chair Payne informed the commission that Janet Hill is no longer able to work with the commission in regards to this matter as she is now Chairman of the Zoning commission and it

would be considered a conflict of interest. S. Payne will be forwarding a copy of the Tree Regulation draft that she worked on with J. Hill and L. Frank to commission members for them to review.

2023 POCD ongoing discussion of items to be included in 2023

No update/discussion.

Revisit guidance re Solar Panel placement

No update/discussion.

Recommendations for two Alternate Vacancies

Motion: To have Shannon Waldron and Ashleigh Fernandez as new alternate Conservation Committee members made by Ms. Payne, seconded by Ms. Stagen. Passed 3-0

Other and/or Old Business

Motion: To elect S. Payne as Chair of the Conservation Commission made by L. Stagen, seconded by R. Conroy. Passed 3-0.

Motion: To elect R. Conroy as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission made by L. Stagen, seconded by S. Payne Passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Tingley

Land Use Clerk
Town of Washington
02/12/2024

Minutes are subject to approval

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