

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES August 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Payne, Ms. Stagen, Mr. Conroy, Ms. Rawson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Frank
CLERK: Mr. Buell
OTHERS: Ms. Zukauskas, Mr. Horne

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and seated Ms. Payne, Ms. Stagen, Mr. Conroy, and Ms. Rawson.

Ms. Payne stated that Paul Frank had passed away and encouraged members of the Commission to read an article which had been published in the Voices newspaper regarding Mr. Frank.

Approval of Minutes for the June 1, 2022

With no corrections or suggestions, a motion was passed to accept the July 6, 2022 minutes as written.

Motion: To approve the July 6, 2022 minutes by Mr. Conroy, seconded by Ms. Stagen. Passed 4-0.

New Preston Open Space Management- Phragmites, Ryan Conroy

Mr. Conroy stated that he had been able to use a drone at the New Preston Open Space to take photographs of the area. He informed the Commission that he had forwarded these images to New England Aquatic to be marked up by Mr. Vogt.

Mr. Conroy went on to explain that he hoped to compare these photographs with previously taken images to determine the effectiveness of their treatment of the phragmites in this area.

Tree Regs Progress

Ms. Payne stated that she had been meeting with Ms. Frank and Ms. Hill to discuss the proposed tree regulations, and indicated that further discussion was needed.

Following this, the Commission discussed a document which had been drafted by Ms. Stagen to educate the public on the importance of trees within the environment. The Commission

discussed ways to publish this document and agreed to suggest potential revisions prior to the next Conservation Commission meeting.

2023 POCD ongoing discussion of items to be included in 2023 – Need an in-person meeting

Ms. Payne informed the Commission that she would like to schedule a time to discuss the P.O.C.D. in person. Discussion ensued.

Western CT Clean Air Action Report – Linda Frank

Ms. Payne indicated that there was no news to report on this agenda item.

Revisit Guidance re Solar Panel Placement

Ms. Payne informed the Commission that she would still like to consider solar permitting in Washington going forward.

Recommendations for three Alternate Vacancies

Mr. Horne introduced himself to the Commission as a member of the Washington Environmental Council who is interested in potentially joining the Conservation Commission. Discussion ensued.

Other and/or Old Business

No new or other business was discussed by the Commission.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. by Ms. Payne, seconded by Mr. Conroy. Passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Dennis Buell
Conservation Commission Clerk
Town of Washington
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