

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 1, 2021

5:15 P.M.

Meeting Held Via Zoom Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Payne, Mr. Gewanter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Conroy, Ms. Frank, Ms. Rawson

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Macdonald

Others: Ms. Nelson

CLERK: Mr. Buell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. and seated Ms. Payne, Mr. Gewanter, and Mr. Macdonald.

Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2021 Meeting

Ms. Payne welcomed Mr. Gewanter as a regular member to the Commission and asked the Commission if they had any questions or additions for the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting. With no additional comments a motion was passed to accept these minutes.

Motion: To approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes as written by Mr. Gewanter, Seconded by Ms. Payne. Passed 3-0.

Following the consideration of minutes, Ms. Payne stated that Dirk Sabin who had formerly been a member of the Conservation Commission had passed away on August 16, 2021. She stated that Mr. Sabin had done tremendous work for the town for a number of years, and that he had initiated the Natural Resource Inventory Report.

Hillside Farm Project Town Meeting

Ms. Payne stated that the Commission had decided to donate \$50,000.00 from the Open Space Fund towards Steep Rock's acquisition of the Hillside Farm. She indicated that upon an examination of the town ordinance regarding the procedure of this transfer of funds, she had discovered that the Planning Commission will need to sign off on the proposal prior to being discussed by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and at a Town Meeting. Ms. Payne indicated that the Planning Commission would discuss this subject at their September meeting.

Following the Update for the Hillside Farm Project, Ms. Payne asked the Commission if they would like to end the meeting and discuss the rest of the agenda at the October meeting because few Commissioners were in attendance. She indicated that most of the remaining agenda consisted of updates, and that the memo which had been forwarded to the Commission by Mr. Charles had been sent in with too little time to address at the September Meeting.

The Commission agreed that nothing on the agenda was pressing and indicated that they agreed that the rest of the meeting should be continued at the October meeting.

New Preston Open Space Management

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

2023 POCD Ongoing Discussion

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

Western CT Clean Air Action Report- David Gewanter

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

Revisit Guidance re Solar Panel Placement

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

LID/Low Impact Development & Tree Regs

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

Recommendations for Vacancy

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

Other and/or New Business

The Commission did not discuss this agenda item.

Motion: The Adjourn the Meeting at 5:26 by Mr. Gewanter, Seconded by Ms. Payne. Passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Buell

Conservation Commission Clerk

Town of Washington

9-8-2021