**Town of Washington Conservation Commission**

**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**Washington Depot, CT 06794**

Minutes – October 5, 2016

Consideration of the Minutes – September 7, 2016

The members considered the regular meeting minutes for

September 7, 2016.

MOTION: To accept the September 7, 2016 minutes as written. By Ms. Frank, seconded by Mr. Bernard, passed 5 to 0.

Ingrassia Subdivision Project - Review Final Subdivision Plan Prepared for Timothy & Stephanie

Ingrassia, November 4, 2015

Each commission member present provided their comments and opinions and then it was agreed to

make a motion to support The Planning Commission.

MOTION: To support the decision of The Washington Planning Commission upon their final review. By Ms. Payne, seconded by Ms. Frank, passed 4 to 1.

YES VOTES: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Randy Bernard, Diane Dubois

NO VOTE: Phil Markert

90 A Tinker Hill Bazos proposed Conservation Easement & Management Plan

The Commission conducted a detailed review and conversation at this meeting. Included in the discussion:

* Review of LandscapeArchitect Dirk Sabin’s report dated September 7, 2016 to Attorney James Kelly
* Conservation Commissions Easement Guidelines
* Washington CT Open Space Protected Parcels Map
* Discussion regarding approaching Mr. Thomas McGowan, Executive Director of the Lake Waramaug Task Force to review

In summary, the Commission voted 4 to 1 to accept the Bazos easement contingent upon:

* a detailed long-term management plan prepared by a certified forester or landscape architect to be reviewed by the Conservation Commission’s consultant
* stewardship fee from the owner/grantor to be determined by the Conservation Commission
* baseline report
* A2 survey
* permanent markers

Conservation is hoping that this management plan/environmental recovery plan may become a model for the management of properties on steep slopes.

MOTION: To accept the proposed offer to conserve Parcel 2 of 1.593 acres at

90-A Tinker Hill Road contingent upon a detailed management plan prepared by a certified forester or landscape architect to be reviewed by the Conservation Commission’s consultant plus receipt of a stewardship fee from the owner/grantor to be determined by the Commission. By Ms. Payne, seconded by Ms. Frank, passed 4 to 1.

YES VOTES: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Randy Bernard, Diane Dubois

NO VOTE: Phil Markert

Phragmities Eradication Progress– Randy Bernard

Nothing new to report

Planning Commission Revision of Subdivision Regulations

No discussion at this meeting

2014 TPOCD Environmental Sustainability Action Items

Will discuss at a future meeting.

Follow-up with Mark Lyon re DOT Broken Bridge at New Preston Falls

Ms. Payne hasn’t received an update on Mark Lyon’s new contact

Town Streetlights Project – Linda Frank

Ms. Frank reported that she is just about at the completion point for this project.

LID Regulations and Horizon Line/Viewshed Protection – Linda Frank, Phil Market and Dirk Sabin

No report for this meeting

Lake environmental issues – Ann Quackenbos

Ms. Quackenbos reported that there is a 7 acre piece on West Shore Road near the Allin Cottage that has been given a permit for a house, a pool and a garage and there has been a fair amount of clearing by the lake.

Tree Cutting – Do we have regulations?

Ms. Payne said she will follow up with Janet Hill, Land Use Administrator.

New Preston Open Space

Management Plan - Betsy Corrigan

No report for this meeting

2016 New Preston Businesses and Residents Awareness Campaign – Phil Markert

Mr. Markert reported that he has spoken with New Preston business managers and owners and is astonished at how close a group it is. Mr. Markert remarked that they have developed models regarding products and have formed a great communication network. Mr. Market asked the businesses if there was anything that the Town of Washington could do for them and the consensus from them was that they are “doing ok”.

Mr. Bernard made a suggestion that perhaps the town could beautify the New Preston Falls.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Submitted subject to approval,

Janice Roberti

Conservation Commission Clerk