Town of Washington

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**Washington Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 14, 2018**

5:00 PM Upper Level Meeting Room

Members Present: Linda Frank, Tyler O’Hazo, Susan Payne

Members Absent: Diane Dupuis, Randy Bernard

Alternates Present: Kathy Bennett, Ann Quackenbos

Alternates Absent: Dirk Sabin

Staff: Janice Roberti

Ms. Payne called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and seated Ann Quackenbos for Diane Dupuis and Kathy Bennett for Randy Bernard.

Consideration of the Minutes- January 3, 2018

The minutes of January 3, 2018 were considered. There were no corrections.

MOTION: To accept the January 3, 2018 minutes as written. By Ms. Frank, seconded by Mr. O’Hazo, passed 5 to 0.

Fiscal Year 2-18 to 2-19 Budget

Ms. Payne’s submissions:

* Memberships and Education – Submitted $500 (amount is divided amongst various Land Use Commissions) CC didn’t use all the funds last year.
* Updating maps – Submitted $1000
* Legal Fees and Consultants- Submitted $1000 for Betsy Corrigan regarding consulting on everything that is occurring in the New Preston Open Space - monitoring invasives, All Habitat’s phragmities eradication and more
* All Habitat Services – invasives species management, Phragmities eradication. Submitted $7200.00
* New Preston Falls Project – Took out of Open Space Fund last year and Buildings and Properties gave some funds to CC. Ms. Payne will negotiate when the CC gets a clearer picture of the costs.
* Northwest Conservation District membership – Mark Lyon submitting

 Ingrassia structures

 Members discussed the request from Attorney Jim Kelly for two additional activities in the Ingrassia Subdivision. Attorney Kelly asked Engineer Brian Neff to submit a Site Plan for clarification at the request of Ms. Payne. It is entitled *Proposed Site Plan Subdivision Lot #3 and Lot #4 2.2.18*.T. Ms. Payne stated that none of the proposed activities will impact the easement areas nor the inland wetland areas.

MOTION: To accept the amended March 1, 2018 Zoning Application, 292 Bee Brook Road, Tim and Stephanie Ingrassia, for a change of use from residential to farming:

Lot #3 – to add an enclosed structure to house portable toilets (pre-built repurposed train car sitting on rails set in crushed stone)

Lot #4 1) to add a farm stand which will be a repurposed “Harvestore”

 steel silo, 113 square feet, which is currently owned by the Ingrassias

 2) to add a 50’ x 90’ off-street gravel parking area

By Ms. Frank, seconded Mr. O’Hazo, passed 5 to 0.

Dobson Open Space Set-aside Document/access right-of-way

Regarding the Dobson Open Space Set-Aside off of RT 109, Mr. Dobson has not gotten back to us. He requested a right-of-way access and contacted the Town Attorney David Miles to draft the request for him. Ms. Payne informed Attorney Miles that the Conservation Commission was not responsible for drafting this right-of-away access easement. The CC has not heard again from Mr. Dobson.

Planning Subdivision Regulations – review purpose of open space set aside

No report for this meeting

GIS Mapping

Linda Frank sent an email to Mark Lyon on 3/8/18 requesting funding to purchase a GIS Mapping system for the Town. She distributed the email to the members present. The members all agreed that a GIS Mapping system is really needed in the Town and the members present provided positive comments. All were in favor.

New Preston – Photographs/Fund Raising/Bridge/Update on Project

* Mr. O’Hazo took photographs of the area and will bring them to the April 4th meeting. Ms. Payne expressed her gratitude.
* Mr. O’Hazo mentioned fund raising. CC will have to wait on fund raising until Commissioner Sabin and his colleague formulate a menu of costs for the individual elements. They will generate a summary and based on the summary the CC can start thinking about who to approach for fundraising.

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(New Preston (Continued)

* Members present provided new Alternate Katherine Bennet with the project mission, displayed plans and answered her questions.
* Bridge Repair - The work has not been completed. The CC has been trying to get the stabilization done and perhaps get the bridge rebuilt. This is currently in “mud” season so it’s an ongoing waiting process.

Delay of Demolition proposal by the Historic District Commission

No updates from the Historic Commission. Will discuss at the April 4th meeting.

Phragmities Removal by All Habitat (Permit for 6/29/17 – 12/31/19)

Ms. Frank spoke to the adjoining neighbor regarding All Habitat’s work on his property last fall as there was confusion regarding who owned the land. All Habitat was indeed doing work on the neighbor’s property. Ownership has been clarified and all parties are aware.

Viewscape/Ridgeline & Tree Cutting Regulations

No report for this meeting

Town Tree Arboretum

No report for this meeting. CC will wait until Commissioner Sabin attends the April 4, 2018 meeting.

Submitted subject to approval

Janice Roberti

Janice Roberti, Conservation Commission Clerk March 22, 2018

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