**Town of Washington Conservation Commission**

**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**Washington Depot CT 06794**

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Minutes May 4, 2016

 5:00 PM Upper Level Meeting Room

Members Present: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Phil Markert, Randy Bernard

Members Absent: Diane Dupuis

Alternates Present: Ann Quackenbos

Alternates Absent: Dirk Sabin, Betsy Corrigan

Staff Present: Janice Roberti

Others: Attorney James Kelly, Dr. Andrew Bazos,

Douglas Day

Ms. Payne called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM and seated

Ann Quackenbos.

Consideration of the Minutes

The members considered the regular meeting minutes for March 2, 2016. There were no revisions.

MOTION: To accept the March 2, 2016 minutes as written.

By Mr. Markert, seconded by Ms. Frank, passed 4 to 0.

Washington Park Update – Douglas Day

Mr. Douglas Day, President Washington Park Foundation, was asked to attend the meeting to provide an update on the status of “The Park at One Green Hill”. Mr. Day started his presentation by informing the commissioners that they are making great progress. He displayed Version 6B plans and the most current plans 8A are on file at the Town Hall. There will be ongoing events such as nonprofit fundraisers, live performances, movie screenings and various exhibits.

* June 4 - Open House
* June 18 – 1st Farmers Market of the season
* June 25-27 - Northwest Connecticut Art Council’s Open Your Eyes Studio Tour
* July 1 to July 16 -Art Exhibit
* Art exhibit late August leading up to Labor Day

 (Randy Bernard and Ann Quackenbos arrive)

Mr. Day described the key entrances, access points and paths. The building was designed to keep the look of the original garage as much as possible. It was decided to keep garage doors rather than French doors in recognition that the building was a gas station for 50 or so years. Donor Judy Black was passionate about gardens and Mr. Day described the donor’s vision for the gardens. Ms. Black passed away November 2015 and the Foundation is currently working with the family. Which is providing ongoing financial support to maintain the gardens.

Attorney James Kelly, Andrew N. Bazos, 90 and 90A Tinker Hill Road

Attorney Kelly provided pertinent handouts related to the lot that Dr. Bazos wants to offer as an easement to the Town of Washington. The lot being offered is 90A, Parcel 2, Tinker Hill Road. Attorney Kelly displayed a few recent photos that he took of the area.

Mr. Bazos went through appropriate channels to do a lot line revision. The only future plan would be to build a garage. By offering this easement, it would provide Mr. and Mrs. Bazos the benefit of an unobstructed view because there would be no possibility of a home being built on the lot.

The commissioners reviewed the information and asked Atty. Kelly and Dr. Bazos numerous questions regarding his specific reasons, land trusts, reserved rights, future plans and other miscellaneous items. The Commission will review at its June 1, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Payne asked Dr. Bazos if a site visit by the Commission could be arranged. He said the commissioners would be able to do a site visit at any time convenient to the members.

(Mark Lyon enters the room)

Follow-up with Mark Lyon – Town Projects

 DOT broken bridge at New Preston Falls

Tony Bedini secured a DOT map of the property. This now has to be submitted to the appropriate person. Mr. Lyon said that hopefully this will get a reaction. Mr. Bedini went through Economic Development and located the appropriate person in Thomaston.

Plaza Improvement Plan

The committee that has been working on the project has a pre-design plan that everyone has approved and is now in the process of going through the DOT and the engineering firm for approval. If that goes well, then there will be a public presentation.

Commissioners asked Selectman Lyon about parking, entry points, lighting design and landscaping. They were pleased with the design.

 (Phil Markert leaves the meeting)

Phragmities Eradication – Randy Bernard

Mr. Bernard brought the All Habitat application to the April 27th Inland Wetlands Meeting. Inland Wetlands mandates that Conservation obtain a permit for the All Habitat Invasives spraying applications.

Mr. Bernard checked with the DEEP and the agency said that a permit is not necessary. IW is firm about Conservation having a permit even though it is not required by the DEEP.

Town Streetlights Project – Linda Frank and Ann Quackenbos

Ms. Frank says that you really have to walk the streets and not drive and that it takes two people to do this. Mr. Lyon is working on his list as well. Ms. Quackenbos and Ms. Frank told Mark the area they were working on and Mr. Lyons said is proceeding with his list.

Conservation Easement Monitoring Report – Linda Frank

Most of the monitoring has been completed.

Lake Environmental Issues – Ann Quackenbos

Nothing new to report.

TPOCD – Linda Frank and Susan Payne

Ms. Frank and Ms. Payne said that Conservation needs to start work on the CC assigned projects.

New Preston Open Space – 2016 Management Plan – Betsy Corrigan

No report for this meeting.

Ingrassia Subdivision Update – Susan Payne

The Zoning Commission’s motion made at their last scheduled meeting on April 25, 29016 noted that the Commission had determine the proposed subdivision plan is in conformance with the Washington Zoning Regulation and the motion was passed.

 (Ann Quackenbos leaves the meeting)

Lake Waramaug Proposed Ordinance to Ban Seaplanes – Meeting 5/5/16

The Town’s Board of Selectman will meet Thursday May 5, 2016. There will be a discussion of the proposed ordinance that will ban seaplanes from landing on Lake Waramaug. The [Lake Waramaug Authority](http://www.newstimes.com/search/?action=search&channel=news&inlineLink=1&searchindex=gsa&query=%22Lake+Waramaug+Authority%22) has requested the three surrounding communities - Washington, Warren and Kent to approve the ordinance. There has been strong support from the town’s lake community as well as the Washington Conservation Commission to move forward with the ordinance.

MOTION: To support the Lake Waramaug Authority’s proposed town ordinance to ban seaplanes from landing on Lake Waramaug. By Ms. Payne, seconded by Ms. Frank and passed 3 to 0. (Phil Markert and Ann Quackenbos were not present for this motion.)

Miscellaneous

Ms. Payne displayed a map *entitled Town of Washington Resource Map*

*Series/Open Space 1 Protected Parcels December 1, 1999.* Ms. Payne

accepted the map from Steep Rock for the Conservation Commission.

When Chick Treadway served on Steep Rock he kept the information up

to date. Ms. Payne will check to see if Washington’s conservation

information is on the map. It will be stored in the Land Use Office.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Submitted subject to approval,

Janice Roberti, Conservation Commission Clerk