**Town of Washington Conservation Commission**

**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**Washington Depot, CT 06794**

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Minutes July 6, 2016

5:00 PM Upper Level Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Diana Dupuis, Phil Markert

Alternates Present: None

Alternates Absent: Dirk Sabin, Ann Quackenbos, Betsy Corrigan

Staff Present: Janice Roberti

Ms. Payne called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Consideration of the Minutes

The members considered the regular meeting minutes for June 1, 2016. There is a correction on Page 3, 1st sentence. Revise the sentence to read:

All Habitat expects that approximately 75% of the phragmities would be eradicated in the first year. It will be an ongoing process.”

MOTION: To accept the June 1, 2016 minutes as amended.

By Ms. Frank, seconded by Mr. Bernard, passed 3 to 0.

Eagle Scout Project Update – Brendon Vejseli, Gunnery Student

Brendon was unable to make this meeting. He needs to get an application into Inland Wetlands by the week of 7/18/16. The town will have to sign off. He is going to have a native planting plan on for the banks of the river. Brendon is aware of the earth tones for the native plants. Ms. Payne asked Dirk Sabin and Betsy Corrigan to work with him.

Lot 90A, Tinker Hill Road – Easement Offer

Postponed until September.

Gunn Hill Easement Report – Linda Frank

The Commissioners looked at the Zoning Location Survey Map dated from 2006 provided by Mike Ajello. The Zoning application submitted by Larry Lenske was for the construction of a 2460 sq. ft. family room. The Commission sent a letter to Mike Ajello granting permission to add an additional room to the main house. Mr. Ajello assured the Commission that it is not close to the easement property line which is on the downhill slope along the drive. The members present made a resolution that the Conservation Commission has no concern about infringing on the easement.

Phragmities Eradication Progress – Randy Bernard

Mr. Bernard reported that he is still waiting for a permit.

TPOCD Action Items Assigned to CC – Susan Payne

This will be discussed at the September meeting when all members are present.

DOT Broken Bridge at New Preston Falls – Susan Payne

No update.

Town Streetlights Project – Linda Frank

Ms. Frank reported that Washington is allowed to turn off some lights on street roads. A suggestion was to post a sign on the pole asking people to notify the town if there was an objection to having the light turned off. This project is still a work in progress.

Low Impact Development – Hidden Valley Parking Lot – Randy Bernard

As a point of interest, Mr. Bernard told the commissioners that something LID related was taking place in town. Regrading and drainage are in the planning stage to improve the parking lot at the south end of Hidden Valley. The existing access would be shifted to the south, the parking area would be pitched to the center where a rain garden would be installed and additional buffer plants added. Steep Rock said the rain garden had been designed so that it would not collect more than 6 inches of runoff. There is nothing there now as the planning has not been completed.

Lake Environmental Issues – Ann Quackenbos

No report for this meeting.

New Preston Open Space – 2016 Management Plan – Betsy Corrigan

No report for this meeting.

New Preston Businesses/Residents Awareness Campaign – Phil Markert

No report for this meeting.

Cell Tower – Susan Payne

Ms. Payne showed the commissioners a letter that was sent to

Mark Lyon from T-Mobile Northeast LLC which is a request for an order to approve tower sharing at the existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Mountain Road, Washington.

Other Business

Ms. Payne informed the members present that a Public Information Meeting has been set for July 20, 7:00 PM at Washington Town Hall regarding the Plaza Improvement Plan. TPA Design Group and the Plaza Committee will be sharing the DOT approved preliminary design for Bryan Memorial Plaza.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Submitted subject to approval,

Janice Roberti

Conservation Commission Clerk

**THERE IS NO CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING IN AUGUST**