Town of Washington Conservation Commission

Bryan Memorial Town Hall

Washington Depot, CT 06794

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Minutes September 7, 2016

5:00 PM Upper Level Meeting Room

Members Present: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Randy Bernard

Members Absent: Diane Dupuis, Phil Markert

Alternates Present: Dirk Sabin but not as a commissioner

Alternates Absent: Betsy Corrigan, Ann Quackenbos

Staff: Janice Roberti

Others: Dirk Sabin, Sabin Landscaping Architects and

Attorney James Kelly

Note: Dirk Sabin was at the meeting to present a Site Assessment Baseline at the request of Attorney James Kelly for Dr. Andrew Bazos, Lot #2, Tinker Hill.

Consideration of the Minutes – July 6, 2016

The members considered the regular meeting minutes for July 6, 2016. There were no revisions.

MOTION: To accept the July 6, 2016 minutes as written. By Ms. Frank, seconded by Mr. Barnard, passed 3 to 0.

Eagle Scout Project Update – Brendon Vejseli, Gunnery Student

Brendon Vejseli has returned to classes. Ms. Payne provided an update on the project.

River Walk Knotweed Eradication Project – Susan Payne

Ms. Payne met with Mark Lyon and Bob Gambino September 6, 2016. Mr. Gambino had been working along the river bank on the knotweed eradication project and good progress has been made. Mr. Lyon and Ms. Payne will now be in a holding pattern to maintain the work that has been done and see if the Town can maintain it so as not to spread the Commission too thin. Mr. Gambino is working on a proposal. Mr. Lyon will be asking the town road crews to take down dead trees.

Phragmities Eradication – Randy Bernard

Mr. Bernard reported that he still has not received a permit from DEEP.

2014 TPOCD Action Items – Environmental Sustainability Action Items

Review and select an action to implement

Ms. Payne said the Commission will wait until the October 5, 2017 meeting when more members are present.

DOT Broken Bridge at New Preston Falls – Update from Mark Lyon

Selectman Mark Lyon informed Ms. Payne that he found a good contact at DOT

so progress is being made.

Town Streetlights Project – Linda Frank and Ann Quackenbos

Ms. Frank reported to the Commission that this project will be completed

by beginning to mid-October.

LID Regulations and Horizon Line/View Shed Protection – Linda Frank

Phil Markert and Dirk Sabin

Ms. Frank reported to the Commissioners that she is still waiting for the report from Sean Hayden.

Lake Environment 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 and Residents Awareness Campaign – Phil Markert

No report for this meeting

Business Not on the Agenda

1. Easement Offer/Possible Open Space Designation, Dr. Andrew Bazos,

90 Tinker Hill, Parcel 2

At the request of the Conservation Commission, Attorney James Kelly contacted Dirk Sabin, A.S.L.A., Sabin Landscape Architects, to provide the commissioners with a Site Assessment Baseline in reference to the easement offered by Dr. Bazos located at 90A, Parcel 2 Tinker Hill Road. Mr. Sabin distributed a three-page report directed to Attorney James G. Kelly along with the Annotated Plan 9/7/16 by Sabin Landscape Architects. Mr. Sabin explained the Site Assessment document and the map in detail. He pointed out the portion that was recently approved by Inland-Wetlands. There was a lengthy discussion. The following are some of the questions that were asked and answered.

Q. Is there room for a Septic?

A. Yes

Q. Who owns the adjoining property?

A. Lawrence and Sheri Babbio

Q. Will the fence enclosing the pool be re-sited?

A. Yes, will be re-sided along the property line

Q. Will Dr. Bazos be clear cutting?

A. Dr. Bazos does not want to clear cut.

Q. Who will monitor the open space in reference to re-establishing growth

and the colonization of invasive species including removal and

control?

A. The Town of Washington would be responsible.

In closing, Ms. Payne told Attorney Kelly and Mr. Sabin that she will speak to the Town of Washington’s Town Counsel, Attorney David Miles, before the Commission makes their final decision.

The aforementioned documents are on file in the Land Use Office for the public’s review.

1. Request to CC – Review Ingrassia Subdivision,292 Bee Brook

Road – Susan Payne

Janet Hill wrote a letter to the Conservation Commission and provided the “Final Subdivision Plan Prepared for Timothy J. & Stephanie A. Ingrassia November 4, 2015”. Planning is requesting Conservation to let them know whether everything is satisfactory or if there are revisions that Conservation might require. The packet was given to Ms. Payne just before the meeting so there was no time to review. Ms. Payne will contact

Janet Hill and let her know that the members will review and provide a response in October.

Since there was no further business to discuss. Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Submitted subject to approval,

Janice Roberti, Conservation Commission Clerk