

# October 3, 2007

**Present:** Kelly Boling, Linda Frank, Joe Gitterman

Kelly Boling, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:07pm, seating regular members present.

**Motion:** Joe Gitterman made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission as submitted, Linda Frank seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Referrals or new projects:** Brown/Carroll, subdivision, Buffum Road, conservation easement language. George Mack has been in contact with Kelly Boling. Mr. Mack was before the Planning Commission on Tuesday (October 2nd) with a revised conservation easement, because the document language had changed Conservation Commission members needed to review the document, and then the document will be forwarded to the Town's attorney David Miles. Kelly Boling was at the Planning Commission meeting also, he spoke with the commission about having model easements. Paul Frank has submitted a sheet of comments on the revised conservation easement and Kelly Boling had some language dealing with herbicides. Linda Frank felt that it was inappropriate for the land to be restored to agriculture use; she felt it had not been so for many years. The proposed easement area will be a buffer/screen from development. There was quite a bit of discussion about clearing and cutting of trees. Linda Frank and Kelly Boling decided to do a site visit after tonight's meeting. It was finally decided that within a 50' of the road clearing and tree cutting could not be done without the permission of the Conservation Commission.

**Motion:** Linda Frank made the motion authorizing Kelly Boling to incorporate Paul Frank's language into the easement, add the stipulation that any tree cutting or clearing within 50' of the road be done by permission of the Conservation Commission, add the new language from Kelly Boling on herbicides and then pass the document on to Town attorney David Miles.

**Walker Brook Subdivision - New Milford - What action should Conservation Commission take?** Members had received emails from Susan Payne which included a letter written by David Hay about the Walker Brook Farm subdivision in New Milford. Members present felt that there was no action to be taken.

**Top Priorities for Action from TPOCD:** tabled till November.

**Scenic Road Designation for Route 202:** Linda Frank has been taking more photos. Joe Gitterman noted that a list of natural/cultural features both historical and agricultural needs to be done.

**Subcommittee Reports:** none given

Linda Frank spoke about the upcoming Clean Air Cool Planet presentation by the Washington Garden Club on November 7th at 7:00pm. Members received an email about this event.

**Other Business**

**BOS seeking volunteers for an Energy Task Force:** No members present volunteered but they did discuss renewable energy, solar and geothermal energy.

Other emails received by Conservation Members:

NW CT Council of Governments forum on Telecommunication Towers in the Northwest Corner,

September 26th.

An article by Woody Hochswender entitled Got Land? Now, a way to Donate.

Environmental History of NW CT Speaker Series presented by The White Memorial Conservation Center  
September 19 - October 31.

An update on the River Loop progress.

Adjourn at 5:40pm with members Linda Frank and Kelly Boling headed to the Brown/Carroll site on  
Buffum Road.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary