

November 6, 2002

Present: Susan Payne, Chairman, Joe Gitterman

Alternates: Linda Frank, Linda Potter

Guest: First Selectman, Elaine Luckey

The Chairman, Susan Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members are asked to call Susan Payne at home (868-9348) if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Linda Frank and Linda Potter were seated as alternates.

Approval of the minutes of the October 16, 2002 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission, Linda Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting with the following changes; page one first sentence should read Chairman, Susan, page one under Discussion of Zoning Commissions referral of proactive siting, Linda Potter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Referrals from other commissions: There were no official referrals.

Susan Payne went on a site visit to the Cass/DePecol property at 46 June Road in New Preston. This is a 23 acre site with a proposed 2100' driveway. Susan is concerned with the potential cutting of trees and shrubbery on the property. Members reviewed plans from the Inland/Wetland file and were encouraged to do a site visit.

Report of Meeting of Land Use Commissions Chairs (October 22nd): Pam Osborne demonstrated the Arc View program at this meeting. Ms. Payne expressed the need to set up policy for use of the Arc View program. Susan felt that the meeting went well and that the Chairmen felt it was important to meet occasionally to keep open communication between committees. They will schedule a meeting for January. At that January meeting Susan asked Elaine Luckey to include discussion on the permit process, for the Town of Washington, on the agenda.

Cell Tower Committee Report: Phil Markert was out of town, so there was no report. Susan Payne told members of the upcoming meeting of the Cell Tower Subcommittee. They will be meeting on November 20th at 10:00am, on the third floor of the Town Hall. The subcommittee will be meeting with Bob Fairbairn of Radio Communications Association about placement of cell towers in Washington. Interested members are encouraged to attend. Susan also informed members of an upcoming Public Hearing on the proposed cell tower off of Route 109 in New Milford, which is scheduled for December 11th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm, at the New Milford Town Hall.

Subcommittee Reports:

Scenic Vistas/Roads: Joe Gitterman will be having a strategic planning meeting to review, edit, and rewrite the first draft of the proposed Scenic Road Ordinance on November 21st at 3:00pm at his home. Interested members are welcomed to attend.

Greenway: Greenway met at the Old Town Garage site on Tuesday November 5th and then continued their meeting at the Steep Rock office in the Depot. Susan reports that the planting is done at the Washington Primary School site. Two new members have joined Greenway; they are Julie Adams and Kelly Boling. Both Ms. Adams and Mr. Boling are New Preston residents. Members discussed links to the Greenway located along the East Aspetuck River from the New Milford town line to Lake Waramaug,

links with Roxbury, and utilizing unimproved roads as trails. Secretary, Pam Osborne will send minutes to Linda Banks.

Flora: Betsy Corrigan had an article on Invasive Plants published in the Steep Rock Vista.

Water Resources: no report

New-appoint committee to create Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet: Pam Osborne, secretary has spoken with several area towns, none of which have a pamphlet or informational guide for Land Use. Linda Frank will research more. Susan Payne said information gathered will be reviewed after the first of the year.

Other Business:

Pam Osborne, secretary submitted meeting dates for 2003 which will be circulated to all Conservation Members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission is November 20th at 7:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,
Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary