

# April 16, 2003

**Present:** Susan Payne, Chairperson, Kelly Boling, Joe Gitterman

**Alternates:** Linda Frank

**Guests:** Elaine Luckey, Sarah Sparks, public

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

Susan Payne, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Linda Frank was seated as an alternate.

**MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2003 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission, Linda Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2nd meeting with the following spelling corrections: under Referrals from other commissions; the fourth line "updated" replaces up dated and under Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet spelling name changes as follows Tony Bedini and Siggi Hildmann. Kelly Boling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Referrals form other Commissions:** none

**Scenic Road Ordinance:** Members are asked to submit comments to Joe Gitterman. Joe received a positive memo from the Zoning Chairman regarding signage.

**Land Management Discussion:**

Susan Payne has contacted the Building and Properties Committee about their jurisdiction/thoughts on town owned property without buildings. The commission is waiting for information from town attorney David Miles on acquiring land. Susan asked for volunteers to help with "checking out" town owned properties. Linda and Kelly agreed to help. Members reviewed Kelly Boling's Land Management memo and he offered to continue editing it and maintain it as a working document. Ms. Payne asked that agriculture be added to (1.a.) dedication preferred. There was discussion about the difference between conservation and preservation and the need to be clear with the definition of both. Linda Frank is searching for information and curriculum to help get Region 12 teachers and students involved in the monitoring and maintenance process. Mr. Boling shared information he had about criteria/evaluating open space from the city of Danbury.

**Report from 4/15/03 TPOCD meeting:**

At the Planning Commission's special meeting on April 15th the first draft of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development was ready. The draft will be discussed at the next regular Planning meeting on May 6th and the next special meeting on May 20th. The Planning Commission hopes to have a public meeting in the fall.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Canoe Brook:** Elaine Luckey reported that there was miscommunication between the engineer and Dirk Sabin about a proposed meeting. Linda Frank will keep on top of this now that Dirk is off of the Conservation Commission.

**Cell Tower:** no report

**Data Management:** Kelly's subcommittee met and will do so monthly. Margie Purnell from Inland Wetlands is interested in joining.

**Flora/Fauna:** no report

**Greenway:** Elaine Luckey needs clarification on the date for the walk to Mt. Tom; she will contact Bonnie Mathews who is co-coordinating the walk.

**Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet Subcommittee:** no report

**Water Resources:** no report

**Candidates for alternate on Conservation Commission:** Conservation is looking for an alternate member from the Marbledale area would be great.

**Other Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

**Next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is May 7th at 5:00pm.**

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Clerk