

April 2, 2003

Present: Susan Payne, Chairperson, Joe Gitterman

Alternates: Kelly Boling, Diane Dupuis

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

The Chairperson, Susan Payne called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Susan Payne informed members that Ruth Alex and Dirk Sabin have resigned from the Conservation Commission. She welcomed Diane Dupuis as an alternate member and stated that Kelly Boling will become a regular member. There remains an alternate vacancy to be filled.

Kelly Boling and Diane Dupuis were seated as alternates.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2003 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission, Kelly Boling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th meeting with the following amendments: under Referrals from other Commissions, the last sentence to read "Susan will speak ... Conservation Commission reviewed the project, ..."; on page (2) the fourth sentence to read "The proposed ...to create scenic roads but does ..."; under Other Business, "Susan Payne ... deadline of April 1st...". Diane Dupuis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Referrals from other commissions:

There were no official referrals from other commissions.

Susan Payne stated that the Inland Wetland public hearing regarding 67/79 Carmel Hill Road has been continued until April 23rd at 6:00pm.

The Conservation Commission has received up dated approved plans for the Washington Community Housing Trust plans for 16 Church Street in New Preston. These plans will be put in the Conservation files.

Ms. Payne has spoken with Dorothy Hill, Chairperson of the Inland Wetland Commission and will send a memo to George Bender, Chairman of the Planning Commission asking that the Conservation Commission be included in the beginning plans for any land easements, open space set aside, deed restrictions or fees-in-lieu of.

Scenic Road Ordinance:

Joe Gitterman reported that Janet Hill did a great job reviewing the proposed ordinance. Joe and his subcommittee will meet and go over changes; the Conservation Commission may see a new draft in May. Susan Payne spoke with George Bender about the commission's work on a scenic road ordinance.

Land Management Discussion:

Kelly Boling updated his memo for distribution. Members are asked to get their thoughts and ideas together for the April 16th meeting. There was discussion on easements.

Subcommittee Reports:

Canoe Brook: no report

Cell Tower Update: Diane Dupuis reports that an application has not yet be filed for the Rabbit Hill, Warren AT&T Cell Tower. Susan Payne reported that Steep Rock Association has voted to take a position on the above mentioned application.

Data Management: Kelly Boling has spoken with George Blake who agreed to attend the first meeting which will be on April 8th. Kelly also has Dimitri Rinsky from the Planning Commission and Fritz Byerly and Chris Charles are also interested.

Flora/Fauna: Betsy Corrigan will meet with her subcommittee on April 7th with guest speaker Dr. Pyle.

Greenway: Susan Payne reported that the Greenway committee met on April 1st and did a site visit to the Washington Park & Recreation walking path to view the proposed site of the Moody Bridge Foot Bridge. Members were in agreement that the proposed location would be too intrusive to the neighboring properties and will look to other possible locations. Bob Williams met with Paul Cullen to review plantings in the school area. There will be a walk to Mt. Tom from Romford Road on May 3rd. Interested people are asked to meet at Elaine Luckey's house at 9:00am. Greenway will be having a monitoring orientation meeting on April 8th at 5:30pm at the Primary School pavilion. Ms. Payne submitted the minutes of the April 1st meeting.

Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet: Susan Payne is happy to report that Toni Bedini will be Chairman for this subcommittee and Siggy Hildemann will be the secretary.

Water Resources:

Kirby Brook evaluation - Susan Payne has spoken to Randy Bernard and he will be starting the monitoring of Kirby Brook.

Other Business:

Arc View Data Update: The Arc View program has to be updated - Pam Osborne, secretary will contact George Blake to do this work before the end of this fiscal year.

Kelly Boling reported from the Unimproved Roads Committee - this committee is looking to discontinue (6) town roads but retain the rights for passive recreation. They hope to take this proposal to a town meeting in July. They will be sending notices to neighboring property owners.

The Zoning Commission is taking up the issue of "Ridge Line Preservation".

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is April 16th at 5:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary

Planning Comm. - Special Meeting - POCD - April 15th at 4:00pm.