

July 6, 2005

Present: Susan Payne, Kelly Boling

Alternates: Linda Frank, Diane Dupuis

Susan Payne, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. and seated Linda Frank and Diane Dupuis as alternates.

MOTION: approval of the minutes from the June 1, 2005 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission, Linda Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1st with the following corrections and amendments; page 1 under Depot Study line 6 of the depot is. He asked, line 9 June 16th, 17th & 18th. This will, line 12 Depot?" Boundary wise, Kelly and page 2 line 19 Kelly stated that usage is limited by sewage/waste disposal issues but scale and structure may be a good model. Kelly Boling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Depot Study

Susan Payne stated that there will be a meeting on July 11th of the Advisory Committee.

Review of Natural Resource Inventory Report's recommendations to select projects for implementation. Not discussed.

Management and Monitoring of Town properties: Linda Frank stated that there is a conservation easement to the Town via Inland/Wetlands on the Sheinfeld property on Lower Church Hill Road. Linda felt that there is a need for professional help to look at and document base line information on properties. Susan Payne stated that it will cost money which we don't have budgeted and suggested looking at the language of existing easements to see how difficult it is to define their boundaries. Ms. Payne went on to say that at the June Committee Chairman's meeting she did bring up the need for a survey, marked boundaries and baseline documentation when easements are given to the town. This information should be done by the applicant and not the Town. Susan will work up a proposal to submit to other Commissions. At present there are only three easements to the Town: Dark Entry Road, Lower Church Hill and West Church Hill. Secretary, Pamela Osborne will check the land records for the Davenport easement on Dark Entry Road.

Subcommittee Reports

Open Space Committee: Susan Payne stated that Dan Sherr has met with Atty. Miles about the tax abatement issue.

Ridgeline Protection: Linda Frank reported that Zoning did adopt the 40' height change. She will follow up with Gary Fitzherbert on other issues.

Archeological Resources Protection: Susan Payne stated that Betsy Corrigan has information she will mail out to members. Diane Dupuis has contacted Betsy, she is willing to help Betsy on Archeological Resources.

Land Use Data Management: Kelly Boling stated that Dick Sears informed him that a projector is imminent. Once the station is set up in the Land Use Meeting Room, perhaps George Blake could be hired for a training program.

Greenway: Susan Payne is happy to report that the cover for the pamphlet is being delivered to J&J Printing. Susan encouraged people to look at the plantings done on the Town property by the Washington Primary School, Bob Williams has been doing lots of work there. Elisha Dyer has also done mowing along the Greenway. Lastly Ms. Payne is going to approach the Washington Park & recreation Commission to take on Greenway.

Scenic Roads: No Report

Canoe Brook: No Report

School Connection: Linda Frank is tracking down a new contact at the Gunnery to take on monitoring the Town owned property on Wykeham Road.

Cell Tower Update: No new information

Flora & Fauna: Betsy Corrigan continues to work on getting invasive species information on the Town's website.

Water resources: No Report

Referrals from other Commissions: There were no official referrals but members wanted to look at several projects before the Inland/Wetlands Commission.

Stiteler/Giddins- West Shore Road: The latest application was denied at the June 29, 2005 Special Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Frisbie Farm- Frisbie Road: This is a proposed subdivision of 2 or 6 lots of a 32 acre parcel. There will be no visual impact. A letter on file dated June 22, 2005 asked for the matter to be tabled and requested a 30 day extension to schedule the Public Hearing while they pursue other alternatives that may affect the proposal.

Kelly Boling excused himself from further discussion and left the meeting.

Myfield LLC-Mygatt Road: This application has just started working it's way through the system. Inland/Wetlands will be the only commission to review it, because of the affordable housing aspect. The area has tricky terrain and access.

Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission is August 3, 2005 at 5:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary