

# August 1, 2007

**Present:** Susan Payne Chairperson, Kelly Boling, Linda Frank, Joe Gitterman, Phil Markert

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

No alternates were seated.

**Minutes of July 11, 2007:** Members made the following amendments to the Conservation Commission minutes of July 11, 2007: under Abella Subdivision, first paragraph, last sentence should read; Land-Tech does not feel there will be any adverse *storm water runoff* impact on the site.: under Aragi, Woodridge Estate, eliminate the second sentence and substitute *consensus* for concensus.

**Motion: Phil Markert made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Linda Frank and passed unanimously.**

## **Referrals or new projects:**

**Abella Subdivision, Scofield Hill Road:** Susan Payne noted that Planning will have a Public Hearing on this application on August 7th @ 7:30pm. The Conservation Commission's minutes reflect their observations and have been forwarded to Janet Hill.

**Aragi, Woodridge Estate, 9 Wilbur Road:** Inland Wetlands have set this application for Public Hearing on September 12th @ 6:00pm. There had been discussion on requesting set-aside along Route 202 and between the applicant's property and Birch Hill. Susan Payne will draft a letter and circulate it to members.

**Village District Overlay Zone:** Members have received a copy of Kelly Boling's draft. Kelly felt that he wanted some positive response before more work went into this idea. He would like to see the proposal discussed at the Chairman's meeting and have them decide if they wanted to proceed. Mr. Boling suggested a workshop run by an outside facilitator to look over the Plan of Conservation and Development for recommendations to move forward on. Members were charged with looking through the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development for topics to work on. Members were asked to look for Land Use issues not necessarily specific to conservation.

**Route 202 Corridor Enhancement Regulations:** Susan Payne mentioned that Rick Distel of Marbledale was mailing out a questionnaire seeking interest in creating a Historical District in Marbledale. Kelly Boling felt that the commission should move forward on "Scenic Road Designation" for a section of Route 202. Members looked at a map of the area and decided that the scenic road designation should start at the town line in Litchfield and end at the junction of Route 47. Susan Payne stated that Diane Dupuis has done some work on identifying cultural structures along the Route 202 corridor. Kelly Boling will contact Diane Dupuis as well as the Department of Transportation. Linda Frank will take photographs.

**Cultural/Archaeological Resource Regulations:** Susan Payne has contacted Zoning Commission Chairman, David Owen on this subject.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Cell Tower Update:** Susan Payne has met with Diane Dupuis and they are working on a report to submit to the siting council.

**Flora & Fauna:** There will be an invasive species removal work day at the River Front Loop (old town garage site) on August 22 at 5:00pm and August 25th at 8:30am.

**Open Space Committee:** No meeting in August.

**Water Resources Monitoring and Protection:** Susan Payne reported that she had a site visit to the Shepaug Reservoirs with Randy Bernard, and reports that this process is moving ahead slowly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

**Next scheduled meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission is September 5, 2007 at 5:00pm.**

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary