

September 1, 2010

5:00 p.m. Land Use Mtg. Room

Members Present: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Phil Markert, Kelly Boling,

Absent: Diane Dupuis, Phil Dutton, Alt, Betsy Corrigan, Alt., Dirk Sabin, Advisor

Staff Present: Shelley White

Chairman Susan Payne called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Seated: Susan Payne, Linda Frank, Phil Markert, Kelly Boling

Consideration of the Minutes

The Minutes of the July 7, 2010 Conservation Commission Meeting were considered.

Motion:

to accept the July 7, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Commission as submitted, by Ms. Frank, seconded by Mr. Markert, passed by 4-0 vote.

Referrals / New Projects

110 Calhoun Street:

The Commissioners looked at the map entitled 110 Calhoun Street, Site Analysis, Project A & B Barn and Guest House, by Daniel Frisch, Architect, revision date 8/19/10. They confirmed that the proposed work is outside of the easement area. Ms. Payne stated that she would notify Atty. Jim Kelly, agent of the property owner, that the Conservation Commission has no objections to this project and to request that if any staging for the proposed project should occur within in the easement area, that it be restored to its original state.

101 Wykeham Road:

The Conservation Commission looked at the map entitled Overall Site Development Plan, Wykeham University, for Mathew and Erika Klauer, by Arthur H. Howland, dated August 17, 2010, sheet OSD-1.

Cell Tower Update

Ms. Payne stated that there would be a Balloon Float at 130 ft from 2 locations behind Town Garage scheduled for September 10 between 8AM-5PM. She stated that this would take place the following week if it were inclement weather. The Commission talked about the style of the tower and believes that a 'tree type' cell tower would be appropriate. Mr. Markert stated that on September 24, at 2:30 pm, there would be a meeting of the Cell Tower Committee with Selectman Mark Lyon and the telecommunication providers. She noted that Linda Roberts has replaced Derek Phelps as ED of CT Siting Council.

New Preston Stewardship Committee

Ms. Payne stated that a meeting is not schedule at this time. She stated that she encouraged the neighborhood residents to walk the property. The Town is planning to mow the property at the end of this month and will be bringing in topsoil and reseeding. The Inland Wetlands Commission, at the request of the BOS, has transferred its permit to Washington Partners, former owners of this parcel, to the Town. Ms. Payne stated that she received an email from Julie Adams stating that she walked the property and listed some recommendations regarding her observations.

Decommission Extraneous Town Street Lights

The Commission agreed to bring their maps to the next meeting with the indicated street lights.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Markert stated that he feels that there should be a procedure that brings all of the Town Commissions together to work on the revision of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Ms. Frank stated that the Conservation Commission did accomplish a large percentage of its responsibilities listed in the TOPCD. The Commission discussed how the next TOPCD should focus on the core issues and framework and how that relates to economic development. It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Markert would draft a letter to the Planning Commission recommending that a committee be established that is comprised of members representing the individual commissions of the Town.

Motion:

to adjourn by Ms. Payne, seconded by Ms. Frank.

Ms. Payne adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm

Submitted subject to approval,
Shelley White, Land Use Clerk,