

September 4, 2002

Present: Susan Payne, Chairman, Ruth Alex, Joe Gitterman, Phil Markert

Alternates: Linda Frank, Linda Potter

The Chairman, Susan Payne called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Susan reminded members to notify Pam Osborne, Secretary if they were unable to attend a meeting. Members may call the Land Use office at 868-0423 and leave a message.

Linda Potter was seated as an alternate.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2002 meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission, Ruth Alex made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17 meeting with the following spelling change; page two, paragraph two under "other business" Nick Belintoni should be Nick Bellatoni, seconded by Joe Gitterman, passed unanimously.

Referrals from other commissions: none

Cell Tower Committee Report: Phillip Markert, Chairman for the Cell Tower Committee updated the commission on its membership which includes: Liz Dexheimer, Valerie Friedman, Paul Graney, Candace Korzenko, Susan Payne, Dimitri Rimsky, Peter Talbot, Dirk Sabin and Elaine Luckey. Their objective is to be proactive with the cell tower issue and to funnel their input to the Connecticut Siting Council on Cell Towers, Phil is confident that this council will accommodate reasonable town needs. Phil stated that it is evident people want cell tower coverage and the Cell Tower Committee is educating themselves on the process and operation of cell towers. The committee hopes to have a meeting in early October with a representative from Sprint to gather more information. It is Phil's feeling that companies have little interest in servicing the Town of Washington but are very interested in servicing the Route 202 corridor.

Subcommittee Reports

Scenic Vistas/Roads: Joe Gitterman reported that he has submitted the first draft of the "Scenic Road Ordinance" to Pam Osborne, secretary today. Pam will type up a first draft and e-mail it to Joe.

Flora: no report

Water Resources: Susan Payne will invite Randy Bernard to the October 4th Conservation meeting.

New-appoint Committee to create Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet: It was decided that this committee will wait until some of the ongoing issues are wrapped up.

August 21 Planning Comm./Planimetrics meeting re: Section 4/4a Conservation of TPOCD: Members received an outline of the August 21st meeting from Glen Chalder. Phil Markert submitted written comments about the August 21st meeting to Pam; she will forward them to Janet Hill. Conservation members who attended the August 21st meeting thought the meeting was constructive, people present had an opportunity to voice their opinions, and they felt that Glen Chalder was listening to input. Joe feels that the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) is going to be a well thought out document and is in hopes that it will not become a "coffee table book" but more of an action plan. Phil felt that the impetus for what goes on in town comes from older people, which means there is a bias. He feels that land preservation is rolling along quite nicely and to have an effective plan there needs to be a strong community component. Phil's thought is most people like the town as it is, but to keep it that way a lot needs to be changed and Phil doesn't see that in any of the planning notes. Younger people need to be

involved in the planning process. Members discussed housing and employment issues, young people can't afford to come and older people can't afford to stay. To keep the diversity in the community changes need to be made.

Canoe Brook Project Update: no update

Samson Driveway - removal of debris: Joe Gitterman can not locate any remaining debris on the property.

Housing Report: no report

Other Business

Greenway: Susan Payne submitted minutes from the September 3rd meeting of the Greenway Committee. Work continues on the schoolyard beautification plan, the committee will be doing planting on the river side split rail fence installed by the Greenway. Greenway is waiting for the school to install split-rail fence where chain linked fence was removed. They are making headway with the eradication of knotweed and trail maintenance is going well. The committee is also working on Greenway links and is looking for a representative from the New Preston area. They will meet again on Tuesday October 1st at 4:30pm.

Susan Payne distributed copies of the draft of revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations Section 14. Members should review them and contact Janet Hill at 868-0844 with comments by the September 23rd zoning meeting. Pam will mail out copies to absent members.

The Chairman, Susan Payne distributed a draft of the 2002 Annual Report, she asked members to review it and report back to her on comments and corrections ASAP. Pam will mail out copies to absent members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Washington Conservation Commission is September 18th at 7:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary