

June 16, 2022

Minutes Conservation Meeting

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The meeting came to order on 7:32.

Members present were the following: Barbara Hagan, Kate Rozen, Sharon deKadt, Paul Harrigan, Valerie King and Tim Austin..

1. There were no public comments made
2. The minutes for the previous meeting were not read
3. The group discussed the possibility of moving the meeting for the Conservation Committee from the first Thursday at 7:30 instead to the third Thursday at 7:30.
4. Tim made a motion to change the meeting time but no one seconded it. It was stated that the Finance Committee starts at 6:00 on the third Thursday and that sometimes they go over their time. . The committee will re-visit this discussion at a later date. David Lober was not in attendance.
5. Tim attended the Grants workshop. Tim discussed SCROG and how SCROG could be leveraged to obtain money from federal programs. There are some very competitive grants. There are grants to assist in writing grants.
6. Subdivision- The Wetlands Commission voted four to one to approve the Merritt Avenue subdivision. Tim did not know if there were any modifications to the subdivision plans.
7. Paul Harrigan wanted to know when the Conservation Committee would be able to have their input regarding Open Space for the subdivision. Tim Austin stated that process should happen now. It was said that our opinion should be given to the Town Planning and Zoning. The TPZ can consider whether or not there should be Open Space. Tim stated that the issue of Open Space was unfavorable to John Paul as it pertained to the Merritt Ave. subdivision. Tim stated that it was not under our purview for the commission to request Open Space. Tim stated that the TPZ is not necessarily interested in Open Space and that they can

choose to have it if it is applicable. There was a motion to request that lot 13 and lot 14 be recommended as Open Space. Barbara stated that she was concerned about a larger part of the area around the river. There was discussion regarding the retention basin. Kate Rozen wanted to add more area around the river section. Paul Harrigan stated that in addition to lot 13 and 14 that the Conservation Committee also include the very narrow section of land near the river as Open Space.

8. Barbara made a motion that the maximum amount of land that does not include the Retain Basin or proposed overflow area including the land next to the river be used as Open Space for the Merritt subdivision plan. Kate Rozen seconded the motion. Five members voted yes to the motion. Those who voted yes were Barbara Hagan, Paul Harrigan, Sharon deKadt, Valerie King and Kate Rozen. Tim Austin voted nay on the motion.
9. Another subdivision proposal has been presented to the Town of Woodbridge. The address is 356 Rimmon Road and abuts property owned by Rimmon Road LLC. The proposal is for a three lot subdivision on thirty acres. The plan calls for 8 acres of Open Space.
10. It was discussed that the Conservation Committee extend an invitation to Tony Genovese. During the next meeting we will devote more time to discussing the Greenway. It was discussed that we need to find someone to take the minutes of the committee's meetings.
11. Paul stated that we should number the lots on the maps. Barbara suggested that we should walk the trails so that we can get a better understanding about each trail.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Holley-King

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.