

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2023 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Maria Grace, Susan Rand, Lee Potter (arrived after roll call), Abby Conroy (Land Use Director), Miles Todaro (Land Use Specialist) and Georgia Petry (Recording Secretary). Absent: Tom Blagden and Zach Sadow. Attending: Curtis Rand and Michael Klemens.
3. Approval of Agenda. Tabled.
4. Approval of Minutes of 9/7/2023. Tabled until later in the meeting.
5. Public Comment – None
6. North Canaan Development Discussion  
M. Grace talked about a proposed 12-lot subdivision with 12 septic systems along the Housatonic River across from Salisbury called the Honey Hill Road subdivision. Curtis Rand suggested that this would be more impactful to the River Commission and the NWHCOG. A. Conroy pointed out that they can't really look at the cumulative impacts, unless they are big subdivisions. A Public Hearing will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and then the proposal will go back to the PZC in North Canaan. C. Rand suggested writing a letter of concern; M. Grace will draft a brief letter and talk to C. Rand about the process. A. Conroy noted that not enough public notice was given; if the meeting was illegally published, valid arguments could be appealed. Michael Klemens suggested that the Housatonic Valley Association could be an intervenor and suggested that the North Canaan regulations from 2005 are probably not compliant; there are different standards of intervenor available.
7. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Discussion  
M. Grace will review and edit comments from L. Potter. C. Rand had comments about road ecology and ways to offset it; changing the language regarding the wetlands existing regulations; talking to John Landon about wildlife/connectivity issues. C. Rand asked to have a special meeting to discuss just the NRI, before the next meeting in November. M. Grace indicated that she wants to have comments from T. Blagden and Z. Sadow before the final draft. M. Klemens mentioned that this Commission can advocate for issues. C. Rand suggested having a fluid document, with links that can be updated; he suggested getting the NRI done for the POCD and the PZC. M. Grace will arrange a special meeting to be held in mid-October.

8. **Approval of the Minutes of August 3 and September 7, 2023.** M. Grace asked for a correction to the first line on page 2 of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes to read: “M. Klemens pointed out that most of the PA-490 land...” A **Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 7 and August 3, as amended**, was made by L. Potter, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**.

**Adjournment. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by M. Grace and unanimously **Approved**.