



## APPROVED MINUTES

Canton Conservation Commission  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Community Center, Room F  
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m.

**PRESENT** – Chairman Sarah Faulkner, Jay Kaplan, Hedy Barton, Bill Spatcher, and Maureen Flynn  
**ALSO PRESENT** – Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski and Dr. Elaine Morisano from “Save Satan’s Kingdom”

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION:** J. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes for the April 27, 2016 regular meeting as amended. H. Barton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Town Garage** – J. Kaplan reported on the May 25, 2016 Town Meeting regarding the proposed rebuild of the Town Garage at its current location on 50 River Road. J. Kaplan reported that most of the one hundred or so people at the meeting were not in favor of the 50 River Road site for rebuild. Additionally, most members of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Conservation Commission were not in favor of the 50 River Road site. Seven alternative locations were proposed by PMBC:
  - a. 100 Commerce Drive;
  - b. 79 Dowd Avenue;
  - c. 674 Albany Turnpike;
  - d. 225 Cherry Brook Road;
  - e. 275 Commerce Drive;
  - f. 25 Commerce Drive; or
  - g. 51 River Road

Each property listed above had supporters and detractors. Renting a location was also proposed as a possible solution.

Following the May 25, 2016 public hearing of the Board of Selectman, all boards and commissions met to discuss alternative sites for the Town Garage, including J. Kaplan. The forty acre property at Satan’s Kingdom was discussed as one such alternative. Two potential negatives were discussed: (1) the location is not centrally located and (2) the price may be high.

At the May 31, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting, the members felt that if the five acres could be used for the Town Garage, the other thirty-five acres on site could be open space, thus saving much of the land. J. Kaplan asked Dr. Elaine Morisano if the “Save the Satan’s Kingdom” Group would consider this proposal. She felt the group would take this under consideration. It was proposed that soccer fields could be part of the open space at the Satan’s Kingdom site. Dr. Morisano felt that this was not a good use of the open space at the Satan’s Kingdom site.

2. **Natural Resources Inventory Update**
  - a. **Soils Section** – Assistant Planner E. Anyzeski has almost completed the soil section of the Natural Resources Inventory. She handed out the draft to Commissioners which includes a section on the location of prime farm soils in Canton. This draft will be discussed in detail at the next scheduled meeting.
  - b. **Wildlife Section** – J. Kaplan is still working on this section
  - c. **Progress on Obtaining Photographs** – Photos are currently coming in slowly. A new last call requested for photos will be posted. It was suggested that contacting the Canton High School photography teacher for photos might be a successful idea.
3. **Right to Farm Brochure** – S. Faulkner brought in the completed draft of the brochure for review of Commissioners. Review of the brochure will be done at the next scheduled meeting. Town Planner Neil Pade and Chief Executive Officer Robert Skinner will review the completed brochure and give input. The Board of Selectmen must approve the completed brochure.
4. **Discussion of Referral and Comment Process to IWWA, P&Z and other Town Commissions** – E. Anyzeski presented to P&Z and IWWA the Conservation Commission thoughts that the Conservation Commission should have knowledge of applications and other matters brought before P&Z and IWWA. S. Faulkner did not think this matter was ready to present to the other boards at this time. The P&Z and the IWWA stated that they would only refer subdivisions to the Conservation Commission for its recommendation on open space.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Staff Report** – Town Planner Neil Pade reported the former Martinelli property's open space has been divided into two lots. Lot 1's map has been filed. Lot 2's map will be filed soon. Anthony and Jan Graves are the current owners of the former Martinelli property. S. Faulkner will draft a letter to the Graves stating that the open space should be deeded to the Town as soon as possible.
2. **Other Business** – M. Flynn has decided to resign as Secretary. A new Secretary will be chosen at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** J. Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14. H. Barton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.