

July 29, 2010

BY ELECTRONIC AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Hon. Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman
and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 388
AT&T Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
1990 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the Council:

Please accept this letter as further support of our objection on behalf of the Applicant to the request by the Woodbridge Conservation Commission (the "Conservation Commission") to be granted intervenor status in the captioned matter.

1. Conservation Commission's Untimely, Improper and Prejudicial Intervention Request

As indicated in our letter dated yesterday July 28, 2010, the Conservation Commission has been on actual notice of AT&T's application since the date of its service of a copy of the application on September 23, 2009. Indeed, as evidenced by the minutes of the Conservation Commission available on the Town of Woodbridge website, the Conservation Commission has included this tower proposal as a formal agenda item on every meeting it has had from October 2009 through May of 2010. Attached as Exhibit A please find approved meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission ("CC") from October 2009 to May 2010. From a review of the Commission's minutes, their activities as it relates to this matter can be summarized as follows:

- 10/15/09 - CC confirms receipt of the AT&T application and notes that the Board of Selectmen will take action on exploring possible alternatives
- 11/19/09 - CC discusses "additional ways to stop the proposed installation of a cell tower " like a moratorium
- 12/1/09 - CC suggests that the Town of Woodbridge official become a party in Docket 388
- 12/19/09 - CC notes that they were advised the Town would not seek party status; be that they could try to participate as an intervenor
- 1/19/10 - CC organizes a petition drive to try to "defeat" the tower post the CSC public hearing
- 2/18/10 - CC organizes an effort to get the CT AG's office involved
- 3/18/10 - CC identifies AG letter and the CSC's then deadline for a decision in June of 2010
- 4/15/10 - CC references AG and NU letters and state legislation efforts
- 5/20/10 - CC reports it is "still awaiting decision" from CSC
- 6/17/10 agenda lists the tower proposal as an agenda item, no minutes posted at this time

- 7/15/10 tower proposal not listed as an agenda item

Clearly the Conservation Commission has not only been on notice of the application, but it was advised of its potential ability to intervene over seven months ago in December of 2009. Further, that it has been actively engaged in efforts to oppose the tower including appearance at the CSC public hearing, organizing petitions, contacting the Attorney General's office and additional efforts. Yet, the Conservation Commission specifically declined, until yesterday, to seek to participate officially as an intervenor in Docket 388. Moreover, Section 16-50j-15a of the Council Regulations requires an intervenor request to be procedurally made "**prior to the commencement of oral testimony in any proceeding**". As such, the Conservation Commission's untimely and improper intervention request should be absolutely rejected by the Council given the facts and circumstances noted above.

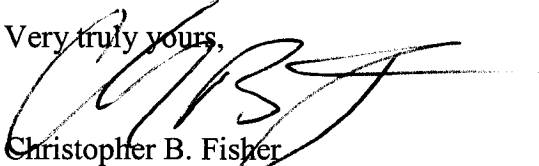
2. The Conservation Commission's Intervention Request is Procedurally Defective and Lacks Authority

Our review of the documents and information available to date reveal no resolution by the full Conservation Commission affirmatively voting to seek intervenor status in Docket No. 388 and approve the intervention request as submitted yesterday. A public entity such as a Conservation Commission can only formally act by resolution of its Board. As such, the intervention request is procedurally defective.

Additionally, we are aware that the very issue of the Conservation Commission's proposed intervention was an agenda item at last night's meeting of the Town of Woodbridge Board of Selectmen. That agenda is included as Exhibit B. This agenda item is described as "Consider request from the Woodbridge Conservation Commission for the Town to participate in funding for intervenor status re Siting Council Docket #388 – AT&T Cell Tower on property located at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike." We are advised by a member of the public attending the meeting that the Board of Selectmen took no action on the Conservation Commission's request.

Based on these facts and at a minimum, the Conservation Commission's submittal must be rejected as procedurally defective because it was without authority and does not contain the proper resolutions enacted by the Conservation Commission. Moreover, without funding and ratification by the Town Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission can not advise the Council that they legally have the means and ability to participate as they purport to and despite apparently getting pro bono assistance from counsel and others. As such, the Council should deny the intervention request and move to a final decision in Docket 388.

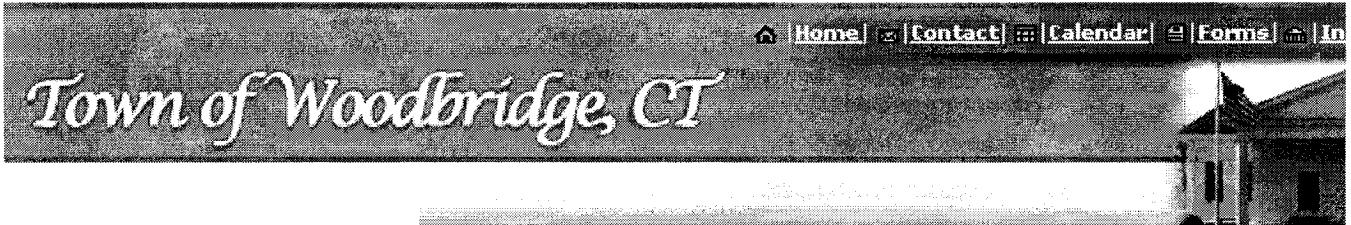
Very truly yours,



Christopher B. Fisher

cc: Keith Ainsworth, Esq.; Michele Briggs, AT&T; Daniel Laub, Esq.

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24 hours prior to start of scheduled meeting**

**Minutes are in draft form until approved at a
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Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
10/15/09

Present: Maria Kayne, Jim Urbano, Suzanne Rosenberg, Diane King, Cathy Shufro

Absent: David Speranzini, Paul DeCoster,

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM

1. Minutes of the September 17th meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
1. Recommendations for the Woodbridge golf course/club committee: Maria proposed 2 WCC members (Jim Urbano and David Speranzini) to serve on the committee but has not heard back yet. The WCC's goal remains the sale of the property.
1. Litchfield Tpke Cell Tower (AT&T). After Maria reported on this to the BOS, the BOS is writing a letter to the Siting Council to change the location to one more suitable (one alternative is putting it on a high voltage line)
1. Yale Forestry Study: decision made to focus on Chapter 7 and develop community education tools and specific proposals/action plans related to items in this chapter. Assignments are as follows:
 - Invasives: Diane King
 - Conservation easement: Paul DeCoster
 - Patch selection cut - Cathy Shufro
 - Policy on dog use - Suzanne Rosenberg
 - ecosystem checklist (pg 70) - Suzanne Rosenberg
 - Preserving Meadows - Maria Kayne
1. Other business
 - Press for Woodbridge trail maps. Appeared in "Around the Town" magazine
 - Stone wall by library parking lot on Center Road - addressed with Joe Hellauer, also required repair of Fitzgerald wall
 - Parks Association is upset that the Yale Study says Alice Newton was deeded to the Town of Woodbridge instead of the Parks Association. WCC determined that we need to retype the column, make 24 copies and cover letter of explanation and insert them in the existing copies of the study.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Rosenberg

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009**

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, Diane King, Cathy Shufro, Suzanne Rosenberg

Absent: Paul Decoster, James Urbano

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

1. Minutes

Minutes were accepted as written for the October 2009 WCC meeting.

2. Yale Forestry Study Workshop

In accordance with the assignments from the October 2009 meeting, Commission members reported on educational tools and actions related to issues raised in Chapter 7 of the Yale Forestry Study. Specific educational tools were discussed. The reports were as follows:

Policy on Dog Use:	Suzanne Rosenberg
Ecosystem Checklist (p 70):	Suzanne Rosenberg
Preserving Meadows:	Maria Kayne
Invasive Species:	Diane King

Cathy Shufro will report on Patch Selection Cut and Paul Decoster will report on the Conservation Easement at the December 2009 meeting.

3. Alegi Property and 90' Baseball Diamond

Maria Kayne reported that the Santoro Family currently leases a portion of the Alegi property from the Town for haying. The Santoros want to enter into a long term lease with the Town for continued haying and farming of the Alegi property. The Beth-Wood baseball league wants to utilize a portion of the Alegi property for a 90' baseball diamond. Maria Kayne and Jim Urbano are currently working with the Beth-Wood league to locate a 90' diamond on other Town owned parcels.

4. Properties in Plan of Conservation and Development

Maria Kayne reported that the USDA-NRCS has been allocated \$4 million to protect farmland in Connecticut. The money may be used to purchase

conservation easements. The application deadline is February 1, 2010. The money may be used to pay for up to 50% of the cost of purchase of the conservation easements. Maria Kayne indicated that the Commission should contact owners of properties identified in the Plan of Conservation and Development about the program.

5. Litchfield Turnpike Cell Tower (AT&T)

Maria Kayne indicated that there may be additional ways to stop the proposed installation of a cell tower along Litchfield Turnpike such as a Town moratorium or ordinance regulating cell tower locations, construction etc. David Speranzini will research these possible options.

6. Trails Grant

Maria Kayne reported that there is no grant money for trail maintenance equipment. Money is available for trail development.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Other Business

-Freedom of Information Act

Maria Kayne reported on certain issues with the FOIA as they pertain to the Commission.

-Massaro Farm Update

No report.

-Old Firehouse

No member of the Commission is aware of the status of redevelopment of the old firehouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
Minutes
December 1, 2009**

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, Diane King, Cathy Shufro (7:53 pm),
Suzanne Rosenberg, Paul Decoster, James Urbano

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Proposed Cell Tower at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike

Maria Kayne reported that the Connecticut Siting Council hearing on the proposed cell tower application for 1990 Litchfield Turnpike is scheduled for January 12, 2010.

The Commission discussed the options to oppose the proposed cell tower. The Commission agreed that as many people as possible need to attend the hearing and speak out against the proposed tower in an informed manner. The Commission also discussed requesting that the Town participate in the hearing as a “party” in opposition to the proposed tower.

2. Baseball Diamond

The Commission discussed possible alternative locations of the proposed 90 foot baseball diamond. Jim Urbano reported that he met with Mr. Hall from the Bethwood league and Maria Kayne to visit other properties including Acorn Hill and Amity High School. Jim Urbano also reported that a 1983 feasibility study of the West River field indicated that a 90 foot diamond can be located at that field with the elimination of only one of the existing fields, not two of the existing fields as suggested by the Bethwood league.

The Commission discussed the authorization of Commission funds to pay for a feasibility study of the Acorn Hill property for a 90 foot baseball diamond. It was noted that Acorn Hill already has two baseball fields and parking facilities.

It was moved that up to \$1000 of Conservation Commission funds be authorized to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a 90 foot baseball diamond at Acorn Hill. The purpose of the expenditure is for farmland preservation.

[Shufro-Urbano] All Conservation Commission members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2009**

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, Suzanne Rosenberg (7:31 pm), Paul Decoster, James Urbano

Absent: Diane King, Cathy Shufro

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

1. Minutes

Minutes were accepted as written for the November 2009 regular WCC meeting and the December 1, 2009 special meeting.

2. Alegi Property and the 90' Baseball Diamond

Jim Urbano presented a Preliminary Grading Plan for Acorn Hill 90' Ball Field prepared by TPA. Jim suggested that the Preliminary Plan be presented to the Board of Selectmen and discuss that the 1996 study included additional facilities to support a sports complex such as bleachers, parking and tennis courts. The sports complex facilities resulted in the 1996 plan being characterized as too expensive. Jim indicated that the Preliminary Study will be completed in a week or so.

Jim Urbano suggested that the Conservation Commission present the Preliminary Grading Plan to the Recreation Department as the Conservation Commission is obligated to protect farmland. Construction of the ball field at Acorn Hill will protect the Alegi farmland. Jim Urbano and Maria Kayne will present the plan to the Recreation Department.

3. Litchfield Turnpike Cell Tower

Maria Kayne reported that the Board of Selectmen decided that it will not participate in the Siting Council hearing as a party.

David Speranzini reported on the procedure a person or entity must follow to be recognized as a party/ intervenor at the Siting Council hearing. David Speranzini also reported on how a member of the public may provide comments on the proposed cell tower to the Siting Council.

Maria Kayne indicated that a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2009. David Speranzini will provide Maria Kayne the criteria for arguments against the proposed cell tower based on the applicable CT statutes.

David Speranzini will also attempt to provide Maria Kayne with draft language for a petition against the proposed cell tower.

4. Yale Forestry Study Workshop – Prioritize Actions

The anticipated guest, Carrie Swigart, President of the Woodbridge Parks Association, did not show up to the meeting as scheduled.

5. Properties in Plan of Conservation and Development & USDA-NRCS Grant to Protect Farmland in CT

Maria Kayne reported that the USDA-NRCS has been allocated \$4 million to protect farmland in Connecticut. The money may be used to purchase conservation easements. The application deadline is February 1, 2010. The money may be used to pay for up to 50% of the cost of purchase of the conservation easements. It is required that specific properties are identified for the grant. The Commission determined that it will attempt to identify properties for 2011.

6. Public Comment

Mark Santoro, 48 Center Road, addressed the Commission regarding the parcel known as 160 Pease Road. Mr. Santoro indicated that the 160 Pease Road parcel is Town owned and is not encumbered by a recorded restriction that restricts the property for farmland. Mr. Santoro requested that the Commission move forward to record a restriction on the property for farmland and passive recreation. The Commission determined that it will look into this issue further if the location of the ball field is finally determined to be Acorn Hill instead of the Alegi property.

7. Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2010

Present: Maria Kayne, Jim Urbano, Cathy Shufro and Paul DeCoster

Absent: Diane King, Suzanne Rosenberg and David Speranzini

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Minutes.

Minutes were accepted as written for the December 17, 2009 meeting.

2. Alegi Property and 90' Ball Field

Jim Urbano presented a report by TPA Design Group containing a preliminary grading analysis for a 90' ball field at the Acorn Hill site owned by the Town. The report also contains a review and comparison of the grading needed at the Alegi property in order to install the field there. The comparison shows that over twice as much material (30,000 cubic yards as opposed to 17,000 cubic yards) would have to be moved and graded at the Alegi site, making it considerably more expensive to develop. The report has been given to Ed Sheehy, First Selectman, and Maria Kayne will present the report to the Town Recreation Committee at its next meeting on Monday January 25th. Cathy Shufro stated that the Commission should continue to seek soil condition analysis of the Alegi site to support its contention that the highest and best use of the site is for farming purposes.

3. Cell Tower

Maria Kayne reported on the hearing held on January 12, 2010 by the Connecticut Siting Council to determine whether to allow construction of a 170' cell phone tower on the Shepherd farm. The hearing included a demonstration of the height of the proposed tower through a balloon (not very successful, due to wind conditions), a presentation by AT&T representatives (who were closely questioned by Council members), and statements, pro and con, from members of the public, including First Selectman Sheehy, State Senator Crisco and Maria, representing the Commission. Written public comment may be presented to the Council for its record until February 11th. Additional statements are expected from Mike Walter, Town Trail Master, and Don Menzies, President of the Amity-Woodbridge Historical Society. Commission members were urged to send in their statements to the Council, if they have not already done so, and to continue to collect signatures on petitions calling for defeat of the proposal.

4. Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2010

Maria Kayne reported that she had talked to Tony Genovese, Town Finance Director, who indicated that the preliminary budget for the Conservation Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, would continue to be \$5,000, as Maria requested.

5. Earth Day

First Selectman Sheehy has asked the Commission to come up with an event to celebrate Earth Day, which is to be held on April 22, 2010. Suggestions will be solicited from the Commission members. One possible event proposed was a work day at the Massaro Farm or at the Fitzgerald Property, cleaning up the fields and eliminating invasive species.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.


Paul DeCoster, Secretary

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2010**

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, Cathy Shufro, Paul Decoster, James Urbano

Absent: Diane King, Suzanne Rosenberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were not available for review. Paul Decoster indicated that he would distribute the minutes to the members via email for review.

2. Update on the Cell Tower

Maria Kayne summarized the Siting Council hearing that took place on January 12th. She suggested that the commission should contact the Attorney General's office for assistance with regard to the issue of alternative locations. Specifically, the Conn. General Statutes requires that the part of the Siting Council's review of a proposed cell tower location must include an evaluation of alternative locations. The commission agreed that the Attorney General's office should be contacted.

The Commission agreed to change the order of the agenda to discuss the Yale Forestry Study (item #4) prior to the Update on the Baseball Field (item #3).

3. Yale Forestry Study

Carrie Swigart, MD, President of the Woodbridge Park Association, spoke to the Commission regarding the Yale Forestry Study. She indicated that the Park Association had several corrections and comments on the Yale Study. Some of the Park Association's comments include the following:

- (i) the Park Association was not identified as the owner of the Alice Newton Street Memorial Park,
- (ii) the Park Association needs to be identified as a stakeholder (p. 54), and
- (iii) the certain recommendations in the Study need to be revised with the Park Association's input.

It was agreed that the Park Association would draft an addendum to address the ownership/ stakeholder issue. Maria Kayne suggested that the Commission and

the Park Association work together to identify appropriate recommendations and implement those recommendations.

4. Update on the Baseball Field

Maria Kayne reported on the Recreation Department meeting she attended with Jim Urbano regarding the Acorn Hill location for the proposed 90' baseball diamond.

The next step is to meet again with the Recreation Department regarding estimated costs of a proposed 90' baseball diamond and then meet with First Selectman Ed Sheehy and Tony Genovese.

5. Governor's New Round of Open Space Money

Maria Kayne reviewed the State of Connecticut grant program for open space. The Conservation commission has identified properties that grant money may be used to purchase. The application for grant money is due May 3, 2010. The Commission agreed to move forward with a grant application.

6. Spring Walk

The Commission discussed the possibility of a Spring walk in May.

7. Public Comment

Aldon Hyne spoke to the Commission regarding a new on-line newspaper he established called the Woodbridge Citizen (woodbridgecitizen.com). He suggested that the Conservation Commission could use the Woodbridge Citizen to publicize issues.

8. Other Business

Town Beat

The Commission members discussed issues in Town that may be of interest or under the jurisdiction of the Commission. The status of the old firehouse was discussed.

Status of the Conservation Commission

Maria Kayne indicated that she was concerned that the Commission was not being consulted with respect to development in the Town. It appears that the Commission is becoming aware of issues late or not at all. The Commission is authorized by statute to make recommendation on land use. Maria Kayne will contact Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commissions for input.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, James Urbano, Suzanne Rosenberg,
Diane King (arrived 7:35 pm)

Absent: Paul DeCoster, Cathy Shufro

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the February 2010 meeting were approved as written.
[Rosenberg – Urbano]

2. 2009 Conservation Commission Annual Report

Maria Kayne distributed a draft of the 2009 Conservation Commission Annual Report that she prepared. The Commission members briefly reviewed the draft report and provided comments.

3. Woodbridge Country Club

Jim Urbano provided a summary of the Woodbridge Country Club Committee meeting that was held on March 15, 2010. Jim reported that a consultant presented a number of options for the future operation of the country club.

4. Baseball Field

Maria Kayne reported on the status of the proposed 90' baseball field. Maria indicated that the Recreation Department is waiting for an engineering study of the Alegi property. The Commission discussed the options to proceed until the Alegi study was completed.

Jim Urbano indicated that he had copies of 1995 engineer estimates of construction of a field at Acorn Hill. The estimates included construction of the field as well as other items such as bleachers and tennis courts

5. Cell Tower Proposal at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike

Maria Kayne provided a status report of the cell tower matter. She indicated that on March 26, 2010 the CT Siting Council will make a decision whether to close the hearing or continue the hearing on the proposed cell tower. The deadline for

the Siting Council's decision on whether to approve the cell tower is June 21, 2010. Maria provided a copy of a letter from the CT Attorney Generals Office to AT&T requesting that AT&T address certain concerns raised by the Conservation commission.

6. Yale Forestry Study

Maria Kayne indicated the need to implement the recommendations of the Yale Study. The Commission discussed how best to implement the recommendations. The Commission determined that it should do the following:

- (i) Identify and prioritize the recommendations for the Fitzgerald tract and other Town owned properties
- (ii) Reach out to other Town groups such as Inland Wetlands, Land Trust, Park Association, CUPOP and the Recreation Department.
- (iii) Implement the recommendations.

Maria agreed to contact Mark Ashton for additional details and guidance regarding how to implement the recommendations. Maria also agreed to contact the CT Water Authority regarding maintenance logging.

7. Unfinished Business

-Educational/ Outreach

Suzanne Rosenberg and Diane King indicated that there was little to no response to the newspaper advertisement for citizens interested in conservation.

-Open Space Grant

There is a need to identify a property prior to the May 2010 deadline for the grant application.

-Historic District Designation for portion of Litchfield Turnpike

The Commission should contact the Amity Woodbridge Historical Society and, if they are interested, partner with them to get this done.

-Ordinances

David Speranzini agreed to research and report on the possibility of a stonewall preservation ordinance and public light ordinance.

8. Town Beat

The Commission discussed the old firehouse status report prepared by a consultant.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other Business

The Commission discussed the Spring Walk at Elderslie in late May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, James Urbano, Suzanne Rosenberg, Paul DeCoster

Absent: Cathy Shufro

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the February 2010 meeting were approved as written.
[Rosenberg – Urbano]

2. Mulberry Road Subdivision

The Commission reviewed the plans for the proposed subdivision of 116 Northrop Road. The plans propose the subdivision of 116 Northrop Road into three (3) parcels; 116 Northrop Road, 15 Mulberry Road and 19 Mulberry Road.

The Commission decided that it was necessary to ask Chris Sullivan if any open space requirements apply to the property. If yes, a property walk may be needed.

3. Woodbridge Country Club

Jim Urbano reported that he is now part of a subcommittee of the Woodbridge Country Club Committee to investigate the possible sale of the Country Club property. He will keep the Commission informed of its progress.

4. Baseball Field

Maria Kayne reported that she, Jim Urbano, Ed Sheey and Tony Genovese met to discuss the baseball field issue. She reported that the Town is going forward with the feasibility study of the Alegi Field. The Town will conduct a comparative analysis between Alegi and Acorn Hill.

The Commission discussed the options to proceed with the baseball field issue.

5. Cell Tower Proposal at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike

Maria Kayne provided a status report of the cell tower matter. She shared a letter from Northeast Utilities to the Attorney General's Office in response to the its

letter dated March 4, 2010. The letter indicated that Northeast Utilities provided AT&T with an alternative site. Northeast Utilities indicated that it is an AT&T business decision whether to look into the alternative site. Maria will transmit the Northeast Utilities letter to the Connecticut Siting Council.

Maria Kayne indicated that there is a bill being proposed in the legislative session allowing the transfer of jurisdiction for cell tower decisions from the Connecticut Siting Council to municipalities. David Speranzini will research the proposed legislation and provide a copy to Maria Kayne.

6. Yale Forestry Study

Maria Kayne contacted the CT water Authority and Professor Ashton for guidance in implementing the recommendations in the Study. The CT Water Authority indicated that a forestry professional should be hired to address maintenance logging. Professor Ashton is not available until this summer to discuss this issue.

7. Spring Walk

Maria Kayne discussed the Spring Walk tentative scheduled for May 9, 2010 at Elderslie. A "save a date" press release is needed.

8. Update on Unfinished Business from March 2010 Meeting

-Stonewall Ordinance

David Speranzini provided an update regarding a stonewall ordinance. He indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission was working on some type of stonewall ordinance as part of the revisions to its regulations. He will contact the Chairman of P&Z to discuss and work together.

9. Town Beat

Maria Kayne reported that she had received correspondence from citizens regarding the proposed development of the Perotti Farm located in the Bradley Road area. The Commission decided not to pursue any involvement in that matter.

10. Public Comments

None

11. Other Business

-CT Water Authority Houses

Jim Urbano raised the issue of the abandoned Water Authority houses. He asked whether the Commission should do anything to try and preserve the historic houses. Paul DeCoster agreed to contact the Water Authority and determine the status and plans for the houses, and to possibly work together to preserve these houses in some way.

-Conservation Easement

Paul DeCoster agreed to look into the possibility of a conservation easement on the Fitzgerald Tract.

-Resignation

Maria Kayne reported that Diane King resigned from the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2010**

Present: Paul DeCoster, Maria Kayne, Craig Percy, Suzanne Rosenberg, Cathy Shufro
James Urbano,

Absent: David Speranzini, Diane King

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the April 2010 meeting were approved as written.

2. Welcome new member Craig Percy

3. Woodbridge Country Club Update

Jim Urbano provided a summary of the Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee meeting that was held on May 6th, 2010 and discussed the RFP that the town was planning to issue. Mr. Urbano's notes are appended to these minutes. The WCC unanimously agreed to the following: a) a stipulation in the RFP requiring the identification of pesticides/herbicides being used and a plan to reduce their use, b) inclusion in RFP of solicitation of offer to purchase as an alternative to leasing, c) make a formal request to the BOS to carve out the Johnson Rd/Woodfield parcel for appropriate development.

4. Baseball Field

Per available information at the time of this meeting, contingency funds have not yet been released to conduct a study of the Algei property. The WCC again discussed concerns about non farm use of prime farmland. Ms. Shufro reported that the NRCS representative Kip K., who is working with the Massaro Community Farm offered to speak to the BOS regarding preservation of high value soils like those at the Alegi property. Ms. Shufro will speak Kip re: his availability for one of the June meetings. The need for a town-wide plan for preservation and use of similar high value soils was identified. Jim to ask the American Farmland Trust if they would be able to assist. The WCC also unanimously decided to become a member of the American Farmland Trust.

5. Cell Tower Proposal update – still awaiting decision from the Siting council

6. Summer walk

Discussed pros and cons of annual walk in summer. Mr. DeCoster proposed a fall walk in September with a representative from Yale Forestry School which was well received. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

Water Authority House – Mr. DeCoster contacted the Water Authority; they said we could look at the houses but that they are not considering being a landlord again, although they did not rule out the possibility of a sub-lease. Mr. Urbano and Mr. Percy volunteered to look for a building inspector to accompany us and provide a rough estimate of the cost of repairs. Mr. DeCoster will call the Water Authority to get potential visit dates.

Status of Fitzgerald Property Water Authority easement – they are interested but don't have the money now. The original estimate was for \$3,000/acre for 80 acres. The Commission recommended that an informal conversation take place with Ed Sheehy about pursuing this with the Water Authority, to ensure that the Town is in support of this when the Water Authority has the funds.

8. Town Beat

None

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other Business

Mr. Urbano identified the need to update the Open Space plan. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Rosenberg

Exhibit B

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M. – WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010
TOWN HALL CENTRAL MEETING ROOM**

AGENDA

1. Consider request from the Woodbridge Conservation Commission for the Town to participate in funding for intervener status re Siting Council Docket #388 – AT&T Cell Tower on property located at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike.