

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CONNECTICUT 06071**

**PLANNING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Saturday, December 1, 2007
9:30 a.m. Town Hall**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karl Walton called the special meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in the downstairs Conference Room in Town Hall. Members Greg Genlot, Brad Pellissier, Karl Walton and Alternate member Joe Iadarola (seated for Michelle Hayward) were present and constituted a quorum. Town Planner Patrice Carson was also present. There were no public citizens present.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. SITE WALK/DISCUSSION: FOREST VIEW TRAIL TO VIEW CLEAR CUTTING OF TOWN PROPERTY

The Commissioners carpooled to the entrance of the Trail site on Mountain View Road. The Commissioners walked and viewed the trail up to the back of the Henderson property line. While referring to a map of the trail, the Commissioners noted the extent of the clear-cutting and found that it was more than was represented to them by the logger, Mr. Joe Quirk.

The Commissioners returned to Town Hall at 10:15 for discussion. The Commission noted that it appeared the full width of both the D'mour and the Mongillo properties was cleared but are unable to figure the size of the area because it was impossible to find some of the pins demarking the Town-owned property after the logging. The Commission noted that it was difficult to tell what the logger actually took for trees.

The Commission requested the Town Planner to contact the logger, Joe Quirk, and request that he pay for Land Surveyor Sandy Aeschliman (who originally set the pins in the area) to come out and relocate the pins, set pins where they are missing or have been disturbed, place markers in between the location of the pins, and compute the square footage for the area of disturbance.

The Commission discussed requesting a Police investigation as recommended by the DEP. The Commissioners did not want to set a bad precedent of no action. It was noted that the trail and land are Town assets and they should be treated like any other town asset that has been damaged. The town now has a sizeable area of open space in it's ownership and if this happened again, the Commission felt there should be a standard, unbiased course of action which would include Police involvement. The Commission decided to take DEP's advice and requested the Town Planner to contact the Police to discuss

the merits of filing a complaint.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Mr. Pellissier; seconded by Mr. Iadarola and unanimously voted to adjourn the December 1, 2007 Planning Commission meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Pellissier
Secretary

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