

MINUTES OF MEETING

Town of Westport Representative Town Meeting Environment Committee

To: Town Clerk Date: 1/4/2019

Meeting date: 1/3/2019, at 7:00 pm

Members present: Wendy Batteau [X] Diane Cady [X] Andrew Colabella [X] Nicole Klein [X] Ellen Lautenberg [X] Matthew Mandell [X] Carla Rea [X] Lauren Soloff [X] Cathy Talmadge [X]
Others present: Director of the Conservation Department Alicia Mozian; Conservation Commission

Chair Anna Rycenga; Conservation Commission member Paul Davis; Town Attorneys Ira Bloom and Peter Gelderman; State Representative Jonathan Steinberg; Lead Petitioner Carolann Curry; Summit Attorney Timothy Hollister; RTM Moderator Velma Heller and other members of the RTM and the public.

Item considered:

A review of the Westport's Conservation Commission's approval of Summit Saugatuck, LLC's, application under the Westport Waterway Protection Line Ordinance, as per a petition filed by at least 20 electors, pursuant to Section 30-95 of the Town Code.

Relevant legal concerns about our meeting were explained by the Town Attorneys. The WPLO was discussed by them and Ms. Mozian, who also explained the application specifics in relation

to the WPLO. The Conservation Commission procedure required by law was explained by Ms. Rycenga. Legal issues relevant to various aspects of both overall legal process and this specific application were explained by Attorneys Bloom and Gelderman. The Petitioner and other members of the public spoke about their objections to and potential defects of the approval.

Attorney Hollister asserted and reiterated Summit's legal and procedural objections to the meeting going forward, as explained in letters he had sent to the town attorneys prior to the meeting. He also presented an explanation of the matter at hand.

After much discussion and consideration of the details of all matters, Environment Committee members decided that more information, time for review of materials, and discussion was required to arrive at a decision. Therefore on a motion by Rea, seconded by Mandell, the committee unanimously agreed to hold a second meeting currently project for 1/10/2019. The RTM as a whole must vote on the matter by February 15, 2019.

Wendy Batteau
Chair, Environment Committee