



# **Town of Westminster**

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING July 10, 2013**

**To: Selectmen  
Board of Health  
Building Commissioner  
Planning Board  
Highway Department  
Town Clerk**

**Present:** Chairman Dan Bartkus, Co-Vice Chairs: Gary Smith, Gregg Buckman, Members: Tim Sheehan, John Regan, Secretary Susan Kalagher

**Absent:** Robert Gendron

**Guests:** Paul Daniello, Richelle Brown

### **Documents and other Exhibits:**

#### **1. Land grant application packet – Bragg Hill Road**

Dan Bartkus opened the Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not recorded.

Paul Daniello of Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust was in to discuss the proposed Engman Conservation Restriction for 70 acres of land at 141 Bragg Hill Road. A special meeting was called as the deadline for submission of the application is July 17, 2013 and the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting was set for July 17, 2013. Mr. Daniello prepared a land grant application requiring the signatures of the Conservation Commission. A Conservation Restriction is a legal agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization whereby the landowner retains ownership, but gives up the right to develop the land. Mr. Daniello had previously met with the Capital Planning Board, the Advisory Board, and the Selectmen. On July 8, 2013 the Selectmen authorized the filing of the application with the understanding that Wayne Walker, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen would act as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town and Daniel Bartkus and Paul Daniello would serve as Project Managers. Mount Grace would contribute \$34, 875.50 to project expenses, a grant, if awarded, would cover \$84,149. 50. Mr. Daniello proposed that the Conservation Commission

contribute \$11,000.00 to project expenses from the Town Conservation Commission. The Conservation Restriction was discussed. Richelle Brown spoke in support of the Conservation Restriction on behalf of the Open Space Committee. The Midstate Trail Spur was reviewed.

Gregg Buckman made a motion to sign the application for the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant with a second from Gary Smith. The request was unanimously approved. Upon motion by Gregg Buckman and second by Gary Smith, it was unanimously voted to release funds from the Conservation Fund in the amount of \$10,782.24 and the balance from the Ina E. Stein Conservation Fund to total \$11,000.00. The Commissioners signed the application.

Paul Daniello informed the Commission that the award date would likely be in late October 2013 (100 days after application submission). He also informed the Commission that the Conservation Restriction is contingent upon the vote at Town Meeting approving \$15,500.00 for the contribution of the Town toward project expenses and the award of the grant.

The Commission thanked Paul Daniello for his work on this project.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of May 15, 2013 were approved and signed.

The Minutes of June 5, 2013 were approved and signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus

Chairman

(prepared by Susan Kalagher)