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**TOWN OF SALEM  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016-7:00 PM  
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

**PRESENT**

Gloria Fogarty, Chair  
Joseph Duncan, Vice-Chair  
Vern Smith, Secretary  
Ruth Savalle  
Jennifer Lindo-Dashnaw, Alternate (seated)  
Eric Wenzel  
John Gadbois  
Ron Labonte

**ABSENT**

David Miller, Alternate  
John Gadbois (Alternate)

**ALSO PRESENT**

First Selectman Kevin Lyden  
Town Planner Richard Serra

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Fogarty called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Secretary Vernon Smith read the Public Notice that was placed in the Day Newspaper.  
RC0Z 12-01 Town of Salem Multi-Purpose Path.

Planner Richard Serra discussed the application and passed out Exhibit 1 (Map of Eightmile River Watershed) and Exhibit 2 (Air Photo print of area in application). See file copy.

Chairperson Fogarty stated due to a regular member missing, Alternate John Gabdbois, would be seated as a voting member. All members concurred.

Planner, Richard Serra continued explanation of the application as he asked members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the site plan and layout of Harris Brook. He continued with extensive permitting process that has already taken place including a Permit Number NAE-2014-301 CT DEEP File #PGP-201401803 from the Army Corps of Engineers (see exhibit 3). See file copy.

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He continued with the fact that the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) of 2012 maintains the Multi-Purpose Path as requested by town residents.

Planner Richard Serra continued with several assets and attributes of completing the section of Multi-Purpose Path as designed in RC0Z 12-01. He discussed the standards of Section 25A.6.3 of the zoning regulations and how the application met those standards, as well as the Findings of Section 11.4 of the regulations. Richard Serra then discussed the need for the Commission to make a decision on proposed crossing #7 with regard to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and reviewed the 2008 Commission decision with regard to CGS 8-24 for crossings #1 through #6.

Planner Richard Serra yielded the floor to Sue Spang the Chairman of the Multi-Purpose Path Committee and asked her to explain the crossings (bridges) to the commission. Sue Spang explained there will be no substantial traffic on the bridges. Sue Spang continued with the materials used to build the bridges, how the abutments will be constructed, the use of the bridge by pedestrians, bicycles, horseback riding, etc.

Planner Richard Serra stated that the property owners within 500 feet of this path have been notified by certified mail. Planner Richard Serra passed out Sec. 8-24 Municipal Improvements (Exhibit 4).

Chairman Gloria Fogarty asked for Public Comment. Mark Frasini-Music Vale Road stated he thought it would be great for the town. He is 110% behind approving it.

Zack Adams-Music Vale Road felt it is very appealing. He is very supportive to the expansion and approval of this application.

Andy Frauini-Hartford Road started using the trail this year with his wife and really is impressed with the trails, and is very favorable towards its passage.

Bill Martin –Music Vale Road stated he is a member of the Path Committee. He mentioned that the bridges are in compliance with 100-year Flood Plan. He stated that environmental considerations were a very important part in the planning this path and its bridges.

**M/S/C: Smith/Labonte –Voice vote, 8-0 Voting in Opposition: None**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**

Regular meeting minutes: January 19, 2016

**M/S/C: To approve RC0212-01 Smith/Labonte Voice vote, 8-0 Voting in Opposition: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RCOZ 12-01**

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Eric Wenzel was supportive. He thinks it is great for the community and a thorough evaluation and review has been done by Army Corp of Engineers.

Ruth Savalle agreed with Eric Wenzel.

Ron Labonte agrees and stated the tremendous amount of time by volunteers is imperative.

**M/S/C: Voice vote, 8-0 Voting in Opposition: None**

**M/S/C: Motion that the Planning & Zoning has determined RCOZ 12-01 Municipal improvements, CGS 8-24 review is in compliance with the POCD.2012.**

**M/S/C: Savalle/Labonte-Voice vote, 6-0-1, Opposition-Gloria**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town of Montville Zoning Regulation and Zoning may amend referral as required by Connecticut General Statutes.

**M/S/C: No – official comment on this matter.**

**Duncan/Wenzel Voice vote, 8-0 Voting in Opposition: None**

**PLANNING AND ZONING BUDGET:**

Discussion followed:

**M/S/C: Duncan/Wenzel Voice vote, 8-0 Voting in Opposition: None**

**M/S/C: To authorize Chairperson Fogarty to approach the Board of Finance with a Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget of \$24,000.**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/S/C: Smith/Wenzel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Voice vote, 8-0, all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kevin Lyden, First Selectman for the Town of Salem

UNAPPROVED