



DRAFT MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119
June 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Dew called the meeting to order at 7 PM and established a quorum of members:

Present: Alice Dew, Chair; Ryan Blessey, Vice Chair; Stephanie Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; Marjorie Burr Carmody; William Mercer; Jeffrey Bronn

Absent: Mike Murphy, Ralph Manning

Also Present: Kim Yates

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 05/02/12

R. Blessey made a motion to accept the minutes of the 05/02/12 meeting as submitted. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Sivo was present to discuss the herbicide and fertilizer spray for the Burr Farm Open Space. Mr. Sivo stated that he will spray after the fields grow back. Mr. Sivo stated the property will be mowed and he will allow the vegetation to grow back and then spray. He took a sample of the most invasive weed to the USDA Extension Service and was told it was Tufted Bird Vetch. He stated that he will inform the Conservation Commission of the date that he plans to spray at least forty-eight hours in advance. There will also be signs posted at the entrance of the park to inform residents that spraying will occur. Mr. Sivo submitted the material safety data sheets for the herbicide and the fertilizer that he will be using; it will be a forefront herbicide with task force two fertilizer.

The Commission noted that M. Carmody has the key to the barn, and J. Sivo stated that he will buy a new lock for the barn.

A. Dew noted that the Sun Boxes was a successful weekend event.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Minutes of Other Boards & Commissions: 05/03/12; 05/17/12 Planning
- b. The Commission reviewed the letter from the Connecticut Housing Authority regarding Eriksen Farm Road dated May 22, 2012.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. S. Landis reported the current amount remaining in the budget. The Commission noted that there will be a significant amount of tree work completed at the Gurski property next Wednesday.

6. CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:

a. The Nature Center – S. Landis

S. Landis reported that George Waltz will put in fill to repair the driveway. Also, S. Landis noted that a new mailbox is needed for this property. George Waltz and Matt Jennings will do the tree work at the Nature Center. Bat houses have been put out at the property.

b. Happy Landings – Mike Murphy

A. Dew noted that the dog park referral is before the Board of Selectmen and was discussed at their June 4, 2012 meeting. They will take it to a vote at a Town Meeting.

c. Burr Farms –Marji Carmody

M. Carmody noted that Nathan Samuels has been doing tree work/trimming to clean up trees that have come down into the fields.

M. Carmody also noted that Jason Sivo did the mowing of the property. M. Carmody stated that she will submit a bill for the work that Jason has completed. M. Carmody stated that she would like to place a rock on the property in memory of the family that donated the land. The Commission agreed to allow a commemorative rock to be put on the property.

d. Williams/Gurski Open Space- M. Murphy, A. Dew

There was no report.

e. 18 Junction Road – Stephanie Landis

R. Blessey stated that he will clean up the oil tank, gas grill and space heater. S. Landis noted that the property needs a dumpster.

f. Gurski Homestead - M. Murphy, R. Blessey, A. Dew

R. Blessey made a motion to accept the bid from Mac Dew and Bob Piheco to build a front step for the Gurski Homestead. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

George Waltz has bushhogged and the property can now be mowed. The rocks will be removed, and the grass will be planted.

R. Blessey noted that September 23rd is the Gurski Farm Day, which is a truck and tractor show as well as a blacksmith demonstration.

g. Eriksen Farm Open Space–M. Carmody, R. Blessey

- Notice of Rent Adjustment

The Commission agreed to give the tenant a list of jobs to complete on the property and in the house. The Commission agreed to use large rock instead of the bollusters to separate the dwelling from the public use.

h. Land Acquisition/Inventory - Ferry Farm Property

Ferry Farm is currently on the real estate market. There has been no comment with the Ferry family.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Trail Guides-Maps and Table of Contents for next printing: Report on project

J. Bronn stated that he has spoken with Glen Chalder, and that the map for Steep Rock is complete. J. Bronn stated that he will email this map to the other Commissioners.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **S. Landis made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

****Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting****

****Next regular scheduled meeting for July 11, 2012****