



**APPROVED MINUTES  
Brookfield Conservation Commission  
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119  
July 3, 2013  
6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** A. Dew called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and established a quorum of members:  
**Present:** A. Dew, Chair; S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; J. Bronn, Regular Member  
**Absent:** R. Blessey, Vice Chair; M. Dew; M. Murphy; R. Manning, M. Carmody  
**Also Present:** E. Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 06/12/13 – S. Landis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, [with the two noted changes from A. Dew]. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
4. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** S. Landis reported that \$15,100 is the current budget for the new fiscal year.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
  - **Nature Center** – S. Landis reported that the apple trees have received the fourth and final treatment. S. Landis stated that she and Kim Yates will go through the garage at the Nature Center.
  - **Happy Landings** – A. Dew stated that Billy Stewart Jr. was planning to attend the last meeting to discuss a proposal for the field, but she has not heard back from him. A. Dew stated that she would like to see the front along the road mowed, and she is not sure if the State is supposed to be mowing that area because it is on Route 25. A. Dew stated that she will check with the Public Works Department to try to find out who is responsible for mowing that area.
  - **Williams/Gurski** – A. Dew noted that a large tree was to be removed today at this location.

- **Junction Road** – S. Landis reported that the renovations are just about complete, and the work has passed inspection. S. Landis noted that the dumpster will most likely remain on site until next Tuesday. The lease, which ends at the end of August, is up for renewal and must be renewed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. S. Landis stated that it is a two-year lease.
- **Gurski Homestead** – A. Dew stated that the grant has been approved by the Board of Finance, and now she will be working on writing a request for proposals to find the engineers. A. Dew stated that G. Waltz is brush-hogging the side field next to the house. A. Dew stated that she will be working with E. Cole Prescott in regard to the information requested for the America the Beautiful project. Farm Fest will be discussed at another date.
- **Eriksen Farm** – The lease was not signed on the correct date, so it will be signed.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Plan of Conservation and Development** – A. Dew noted that this item is on the agenda so that the Commissioners can start thinking about what they would like to see in the new Plan of Conservation and Development. A. Dew noted that she would like to see the open space properties be more protected. J. Bronn asked if the open space is already protected, and A. Dew noted that it depends on how the property was purchased and how the deed is written.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Farm Fest** – A. Dew stated that she has the list of people who participated last year. A. Dew also noted that this year there is more time to be more organized leading up to the event. September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the set date for this year's Farm Fest. A. Dew stated that she would love to have a planting booth as part of the Farm Fest as well. E. Cole Prescott suggested that a craft table may be a good option.

A. Dew stated that G. Waltz was asking if the Conservation Commission would like to purchase a sprayer to spray some areas along the stone walls at the Gurski Homestead. **S. Landis made a motion to purchase a large sprayer to be used on open space properties. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

9. **ADRJOURNMENT: J. Bronn made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM, and A. Dew seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**