



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
*Brookfield Conservation Commission*  
**Brookfield Town Hall Room 129**  
**June 4, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A. Dew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and established a quorum of members.

Present: A. Dew, Chair; R. Blessey, Vice Chair; S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; M. Carmody; J. Bronn

Absent: M. Dew; M. Murphy

Also Present: Ray Boa of Trailing Ridge Road & Recording Secretary Emily Cole Prescott

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (05/07/14): M. Carmody made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. J. Bronn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

*The Commission moved to discussion of agenda item 8a, 5 Pond Brook Court.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5 Pond Brook Court** – Chair Dew mentioned that this area is in the same easement as the 6 Pond Brook Court request to remove dead trees from Louie Augusto. Chair Dew noted that this is the same easement. Ray Boa stated that there are four trees that he would like to remove as well as a couple within the easement area that have died and have fallen. Ray Boa stated that he would like to move the dead wood out of the area in the easement which is standing sideways and could potentially cause a hazard to anyone in the area. Ray Boa stated that these are the two last lots in the subdivision which will be developed with single family dwellings. Ray Boa had marked the trees in and along the easement line. Chair Dew stated that she had been out to the property and had viewed the marked trees on site. Chair Dew stated that when some of the clearing had been done some of the trees may have caused damage to other trees.

*R. Blessey entered the meeting at 7:14 PM.*

Chair Dew recommended that the Commission allow the removal of the trees, but request that the trees be replaced with plantings which she has specified. She also asked Ray Boa to post signs on the easement area. Chair Dew stated that the signs can either be posted on stakes in the ground or on the trees with small nails. **Chair Dew made a motion to approve the removal of the four oak trees that have been marked and the removal of three or four dead standing trees as well with the stipulation that the property owner [Ray Boa] mark the conservation easement with signs and plant or replace removed trees with four native trees in the conservation easement. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

*The Commission returned to discussion of agenda item 3., guests and public comment.*

**GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** *See above. Ray Boa was present.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Dew mentioned that she had sent a reply email to Julie Carmelich at the State Historic Preservation Office.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** S. Landis reported the budget amount. R. Blessey asked if the hemlock spraying had yet been done. S. Landis stated that she had received an estimate and had asked for the work to be done, but she is not yet sure if it has been done.

**CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**

**The Nature Center** – Chair Dew mentioned the donation check for \$1,000. S. Landis noted some work that could be done along the entrance of the Nature Center. S. Landis stated that there will be apples this year at the Nature Center. R. Blessey suggested that the Conservation Commission coordinate an apple picking. S. Landis stated that the swing has not yet been installed, but she will be contacted when the swing will be installed. S. Landis stated that Kim Yates left some items in the garage of the house. S. Landis stated that she will write a note to Kim Yates to request removal of these items.

**Happy Landings** – J. Bronn reported that he was at happy Landings the other week, and the field has not yet been cut. R. Blessey will remove one possibly dead fruit tree and some brush to open the drive for the equipment entrance for the new tenant. Chair Dew gave the wetlands agent approval short form approval letter to J. Bronn. J. Bronn offered to help R. Blessey clear the area.

**Burr Farm** – M. Carmody stated that one field has been cut and baled.

**Williams/Gurski Open Space** – Chair Dew stated that M. Dew had cut some of the trees that were on or over the trail system.

**18 Junction Road** – No report.

**Gurski Homestead** – Upon inquiry from J. Bronn, Chair Dew reviewed which group (Conservation, Parks and Recreation, or house tenant) mows which sections of the property.

**Eriksen Farm Open Space** – Chair Dew mentioned that M. Dew had sent information to the Giving Garden about the lease. Chair Dew stated that M. Dew has also been in touch with someone regarding the electrical.

**Old Bridge Sanctuary** – No report.

**Deer Management** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CT Trail Walk Event** – J. Bronn stated that he has distributed trail guides from CT Forest & Park Association throughout the Town. J. Bronn noted that the time of the event in the brochure is listed from noon to 3:00 PM, instead of from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. E. Cole Prescott mentioned that she had posted some information about the event on the Patch, and the time she listed was from noon to 3:00 PM. Chair Dew stated that she will create a brochure for kids to color. Chair Dew

mentioned that she had applied for a temporary event sign application. She and J. Bronn will put up some signage for the event on Saturday morning.

**List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations** – Chair Dew mentioned that this item will be continued to the next meeting in July.

*J. Bronn asked that the Commission discuss trail guides.*

**Trail Brochures** – J. Bronn stated that the final cost would depend on the number of properties included in the trail guide. He stated that twelve or thirteen properties were included in his draft document. J. Bronn explained that he has been quoted a price of \$150 per property. Chair Dew asked what the \$150 per property charge would include, and J. Bronn replied the map and the write-up, as well as the design. Chair Dew stated that Williams Park and the Nature Center currently have strong maps, so perhaps the price for these properties would be cheaper. J. Bronn mentioned that the cost to design the document would be anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Chair Dew asked J. Bronn to check with the Parks and Recreation Department to see if they will contribute to this project.

**Adjournment** – M. Carmody made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Chair Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2014.**