



DRAFT MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 129
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and established a quorum of members.

Present: A. Dew, Chair; S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; Marji Carmody, Commissioner; Julie Blick, Commissioner; M. Dew, Commissioner; J. Bronn, Commissioner

Absent: R. Blessey, Vice Chair

Also Present: William Davidson, Ex-Officio Member; Katherine Daniel, Community Development Director; members of the public; Emily Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Add an “i” to the end of Marji’s name. **M. Dew made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings (10/01/14 & 10/14/14). S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Donald Timpanaro, resident.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair Dew mentioned the following pieces of correspondence.

- a. CACIWC/*The Habitat* – E. Cole Prescott distributed this information to the Commission. She also noted that if any Commissioners would like to attend the CACIWC Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, the event is on November 15th.
- b. Nature Explorer Classrooms – Chair Dew shared this information with the Commission.

TREASURER’S REPORT: S. Landis reported the remaining amount in the budget.

J. Bronn entered the room at 6:40 PM.

CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:

- **Nature Center:** S. Landis stated that a tenant has moved in, and the space looks great. S. Landis stated that she will be compiling a “wish list” for the tenant to complete once the tenant is settled. S. Landis mentioned that the stove will most likely need to be replaced. J. Blick asked if the Commission would like to have the picnic tables reconstructed. J. Blick mentioned that perhaps the picnic tables could be put next to the grassy area near the garage.

- **Happy Landings:** J. Bronn had no report. A. Dew mentioned that some of the field had been mowed on Tuesday of this week, and the parking lot had been filled. She also noted a memo about the bobolinks meeting which was held on October 14th that she has asked the Commission to review.
- **Burr Farm:** M. Carmody stated that D. Burr is still cutting around the edges. She mentioned that she has spoken with D. Burr regarding the cistern, and he suggested cementing the cistern shut. She would like pictures of the inside to be taken before this is done, so the Commission has some documentation of the inside of the structure. A. Dew and M. Dew agreed that this cementing would probably be the best method to secure the structure. M. Carmody mentioned the multi-flora, and inquired as to the possibility of burning it. W. Davidson suggested that the Parks and Recreation Department be contacted to take the multi flora to the brush dump. M. Carmody stated that she will ask Jim Dockter to pick it up and move it to the brush dump. M. Carmody also reported that she has spoken with Pete Discala regarding some work to be done on site.
- **Williams/Gurski Open Space:** M. Dew reported that he had observed many trees down in the trails this past weekend. M. Dew stated that there is a good set of plans to rebuild shed one and the outhouse. Chair Dew has submitted the plans for review by the State, and will be following up on this matter. M. Dew stated that he will put a pile of lumber which he is donating stacked behind the shed he plans to restore. Chair Dew mentioned that the Community Garden had some piles of organic waste outside of the garden, and a landscaper was also dumping there last year as well. A. Dew stated that none of the Commissioners have been approached about the matter. Lynn Lyon of the Lions Club has been in touch with Chair Dew stating that she has concerns about flies near the compost. Chair Dew mentioned that she had asked the members of the Lions Club community garden to follow up with the Conservation Commission about a plan for future compost area(s). W. Davidson noted the size of the pile, and Chair Dew asked J. Blick and W. Davidson about their opinions of the pile which is already on site. J. Blick stated that if there is something invasive in the pile, there may be something invasive that grows if the pile were to be spread. J. Blick mentioned that perhaps the pile could be moved to another location. W. Davidson stated that he will speak with R. Tedesco regarding this matter. M. Dew stated that he is not sure why the soil could not be spread out.
- **Eriksen Farm:** A. Dew stated that the barn looks great, and M. Dew had built an overhang over the door. The barn has been repainted. M. Dew stated that John Tomascak had agreed in the beginning of this year to install some proper outlets for the use of the well, which has yet to be completed. M. Carmody stated that she thinks it would be nice to have a fence installed, and have multi flora cleared out. M. Carmody mentioned that she had spoken at the last meeting about barn quilts, and at that meeting had mentioned the possibility of having a barn quilt at Eriksen Farm. She shared a book about barn quilts with the Commission. M. Carmody mentioned that she has also spoken to a Town office in New Milford, because there has been some discussion about starting a barn quilt trail in New Milford.
- **Old Bridge Sanctuary:** J. Bronn stated that he noticed that there are trees on site that have been recently cut next to the trail. He mentioned that someone is maintaining the

property, but he is unsure who. Chair Dew mentioned that she will check with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding this cut.

- **Deer Management:** M. Dew mentioned that there are some residents currently on a waiting list to hunt.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. List of Potential Projects: This item is continued to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: M. Dew made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

At this time, Community Development Director Katherine Daniel presented a workshop about trails relative to the Plan of Conservation and Development.