



**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 129
Wednesday, September 7, 2016
7:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with the following in attendance:
Present: A. Dew, Chair; J. Bronn, Vice Chair; S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; M. Carmody; M. Dew; J. Blick
Absent: R. Blessey, Commissioner
Also Present: E. Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** 08/16/16 special – **M. Carmody made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. S. Landis seconded the motion. S. Landis, A. Dew and M. Carmody voted in favor of the motion, which carried.**
3. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Dew had distributed copies of *The Habitat*.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** S. Landis mentioned that she will give a full report at the next meeting, as there had been a few, recent minor expenditures. No motions.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
 - a. The Nature Center – S. Landis – S. Landis reported that G. Waltz has sprayed some of the invasive species. She noted that work needs to be done on Chrissy's Garden. G. Waltz has suggested mowing the area of Chrissy's Garden, around March.
 - b. Happy Landings – J. Bronn –
 - Farming/Property Plan Discussion – Knapweed Treatment: Chair Dew explained that the field needs to be cut before the property may be sprayed, and she mentioned that K. Oosterwald will be out to cut the field soon. Chair Dew also shared some of her research on the question of liming the field. Chair Dew clarified that the entire property will be sprayed as part of the Commission's effort to reduce the knapweed growth. **M. Dew made motion to approve an expenditure of \$4,950 on spraying for knapweed at Happy Landings, to pay the De'Angelo Brothers Inc. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
 - c. Burr Farm –M. Carmody – Pete McPadden has fixed the bench on the hill. M. Carmody stated that he has done a nice job on the work.
 - d. Williams/Gurski Open Space – J. Bronn, M. Dew – M. Dew noted that work to better delineate the red and blue trails now needs to be done.
 - e. 18 Junction Road – S. Landis, M. Dew – No report.
 - f. Gurski Homestead – R. Blessey, A. Dew – Chair Dew stated that an RFP has been developed to start the master plan for the Gurski Homestead, and the plan is to have a

questionnaire available for residents at the Gurski Homestead. Information about the property had been recently published in *The News Times*.

g. Eriksen Farm Open Space – M. Carmody, M. Dew – M. Carmody reported that the refrigerator has been ordered, and M. Carmody stated that she has not heard yet from the tenant about the delivery of the appliance. Bob Fisher has completed his work, which included mowing and some work along the fence line. The garden looks good. The fence line has also been cleaned.

h. Old Bridge Sanctuary – J. Bronn – No report.

i. Deer Management – M. Dew – M. Dew mentioned that both groups have been allowed to sign up with the old permits, but the new permits will be signed and issued, probably by next week.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and Volunteers – This item will be discussed at a later date.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. FarmFest 2016 (Saturday, October 15th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Gurski Homestead, 26 Obtuse Hill Road, Brookfield, CT) – The Commissioners and Secretary have each been assigned tasks. Chair Dew will formalize the list, but here is an overview of tasks:

- J. Bronn: speak with BOSLI about their attendance
- E. Cole Prescott & Chair Dew: request items/services from the Police Department
- M. Carmody: speak with the Historical Society
- Chair Dew: speak with Simpson and Vale
- M. Carmody: speak with Shakespeare's Garden
- Chair Dew: ask Bob Fisher to drive the tractor for the hay rides
- Chair Dew & E. Cole Prescott: will ask different groups with Facebook pages to share information about the event
- E. Cole Prescott: coordinate the baked goods
- Chair Dew: ask the food vendor
- J. Blick: asked that the information be sent to her when ready
- J. Blick: will organize kids' games

A. Dew suggested adding under other discussion, the trail guide document. There was no objection, and the item was added as agenda item 8.b.1.

b. Other Discussion

1. Old Business – Trail Guide Document – Several suggested revisions were made. Chair Dew indicated that she will send the revisions to the trail guide designer for the final print.

9. ADJOURNMENT: M. Carmody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting
****Next regular meeting scheduled for October 5, 2016****