



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
***Brookfield Conservation Commission***  
**Brookfield Town Hall Room 129**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance:  
**Present:** A. Dew, Chair; J. Bronn, Vice Chair; M. Carmody, Commissioner; M. Dew, Commissioner  
**Absent:** R. Blessey, Commissioner; J. Blick, Commissioner  
**Also Present:** E. Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** 09/07/16 – **Commissioner Dew made a motion to approve the minutes [of the 09/07/16 meeting]. Vice Chair Bronn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
3. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** No motions.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
  - a. The Nature Center – S. Landis – Chair Dew indicated that there is no report.
  - b. Happy Landings – J. Bronn – The property has been mowed, and Chair Dew has taken pictures of the property. Spraying will be done next week, by DBI, as the Commission has previously discussed.
    - Farming/Property Plan Discussion – K. Oosterwald has asked about the pH of the property to determine if lime is needed. The Commission must now consider if the property will be limed and what portions of the property should be limed. The Commission should also consider whether to put funds toward the maintenance of the hay, and whether the property should be professionally tested to determine the need for lime. The Commission had previously discussed leaving the back half of the property more wooded, in which case, lime would not need to be done toward the rear. M. Dew mentioned that although money can be made from the current hay, the farmer would make more money by having hay without the knapweed. The Commission will consider this matter.
  - c. Burr Farm –M. Carmody – Discussion/no motions.
  - d. Williams/Gurski Open Space – J. Bronn, M. Dew – M. Dew mentioned that Pete McPadden has repaired the corrugated steel roofing on the shed. The picnic tables throughout the Gurski property and the toilet at the rental house have also been repaired. M. Dew has been out to the property, widening the trails, and work continues on the red and blue trail.
  - e. 18 Junction Road – S. Landis, M. Dew – No report.
  - f. Gurski Homestead – R. Blessey, A. Dew – This property was discussed during FarmFest, item 8.a.

g. Eriksen Farm Open Space – M. Carmody, M. Dew – M. Carmody has followed up with the tenant regarding the new appliance, which has been received. Chair Dew noted that the tenant stopped into the Town Hall to sign the lease, and necessary housing information is in place and up to date.

h. Old Bridge Sanctuary – J. Bronn – Vice Chair Bronn had visited the site on Monday, and reported that the parking lot has been re-done.

i. Deer Management – M. Dew – M. Dew noted that the hunters are out, and he has not yet received any feedback about the program.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and volunteers – This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Trail Guide Document – Trail Guides are now ready for sale, and may be purchased at the Land Use Office, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Library. The guides will also be sold at the Farmer’s Market this Friday, and at FarmFest on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. FarmFest 2016 (Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Gurski Homestead, 26 Obtuse Hill Road, Brookfield, CT) – FarmFest was highlighted in Brookfield Matters, and Vice Chair Bronn has put an advertisement in the *Penny Saver*. J. Blick and Vice Chair Bronn are getting the pumpkins, and J. Blick will be coordinating kids’ games. The event has been posted to the Brookfield Matters Facebook, on the announcements section of the Town Hall’s website, on the Conservation Commission’s web page, and throughout the Town on signs. Chair Dew will pick up cones the week before the event. E. Cole Prescott will finish coordination of the baked goods. R. Blessey is coordinating the blacksmith demonstration, and J. Blick will also be bringing chickens. J. Bronn and E. Cole Prescott will pick up balloons the morning of the event.

a. Other Discussion

**Chair Dew made a motion to add under new business – other discussion, the proposal for 54 Obtuse Rocks Road [memo sent] by Captain John Puglisi. Commissioner Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

1. 54 Obtuse Rocks Road – Chair Dew explained that this is a proposal to use the existing access road into Lake Lillinonah, to install a fuel tank and dock. The Commission briefly reviewed the memo and conceptual GIS map showing proposed location. More details will follow when information about electrical installation is received, according to the memo. It was noted that the proposed location would not be in the way of camping or the area that is primarily used, and traveling down the road that is proposed for improvement will most likely not be seen, due to the forested area around it. M. Dew noted some questions about the use and concern about the impact. Chair Dew mentioned that the Commission will have questions, and will take some time to review the memo to develop further questions. Chair Dew noted that at this point, although there is not much detail, the Commission looks favorably upon the proposal as presented, and if not interfering with the lake, it could have a beneficial effect of law enforcement presence in the area. Chair Dew will email the information to everyone for review and discussion at the next meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Carmody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Commissioner Dew 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 November 2, 2016\*\***