

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017**  
**7:00 PM – ROOM 129**

Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance:

**Present:** Chair Dew; Commissioner M. Dew; Vice Chair J. Bronn; Commissioner M. Carmody; Commissioner J. Blick; Commissioner S. Landis

**Also Present:** Recording Secretary Emily Cole Prescott; Sue Slater, Ex-Officio Member *arrived at 7:35 PM*

**Chair Dew made a motion to move to discussion of old business, agenda item 7.c., 54 Obtuse Rocks Road. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

54 Obtuse Rocks Road: *B. Pelletreau of Lake Lillinonah Authority was present to represent the proposal.* Chair Dew reviewed for the Commissioners that the purpose of this proposal was to improve the road, install a fuel tank and docks for use by the Lake Lillinonah Authority, which would only be used for law enforcement purposes. Mr. Pelletreau mentioned that a small storage shed has been added to the original proposal. Mr. Pelletreau stated that CCA, LLC will formally represent this proposal to the Conservation Commission. He indicated that security fencing and bollards will be installed as required. The possibility of adding cameras to the area was also mentioned, due to recent vandalism. J. Bronn mentioned concern about detracting from the visual of the area, and it was indicated that the docks and boats would be visible from the water. Chair Dew reiterated that the Conservation Commission is an advisory committee that meets once monthly. She indicated that this item will be included on the Commission's upcoming agenda. Chair Dew also asked that the plans be submitted to her electronically in advance of the meeting so the full commission has an opportunity to review the proposal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chair Dew indicated that she is in the process of completing the 17/18 FY budget proposal for the Conservation Commission. Knapweed maintenance for Happy Landings will be included in this year's budget proposal.

**Current Project Reports:**

**Nature Center:** The dead trees toward the right of the property have been removed.

**Happy Landings:** The Commission has not received any new information from the farmer about the hay bales on the property or about lime testing the property. Chair Dew stated that she will research this matter.

**Burr Farm:** M. Carmody reported that the Town has spent a day cleaning the trees that had fallen along the fence line. M. Carmody noted the extent of the work that needs to be completed.

**Williams/Gurski Open Space:** M. Dew has added the "road closed" sign to the road going up toward the Community Garden.

**Gurski Homestead:** The Town is in the process of creating a master plan for the Gurski Homestead, and an ad-hoc committee has been formed to begin this work. Chair Dew noted the members who are included in this group. Chair Dew invited members of the Conservation Commission to the meetings, and suggested that the members remain informed of the work.

**Eriksen Farm:** The tenant currently has a one-year lease.

**Old Bridge:** No report.

**Deer Management:** No report.

**List of Potential Projects:** This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:** M. Carmody made a motion to move to discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**2017 Meeting Calendar:** M. Dew made a motion to approve the meeting calendar for 2017. J. Blick seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**2016 Arbor Day Tree City Recertification Application:** A. Dew made a motion to approve and forward the final draft of the Tree City Recertification application to the Board of Selectmen. M. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Other Business: CT Trails Day: J. Bronn encourage commissioners to think about this event, as the registration information is soon due.

**M. Carmody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. M. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**