



**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Brookfield Conservation Commission  
Brookfield Town Hall Room 129  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
7:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with the following in attendance:  
**Present:** Chair A. Dew; Commissioner M. Carmody; Commissioner J. Blick  
**Absent:** Vice Chair J. Bronn; Secretary/Treasurer S. Landis; Commissioner M. Dew; Commissioner R. Blessey  
**Also Present:** Recording Secretary E. Cole Prescott
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** 10/05/16 & 01/04/17 –
  - **01/04/17: M. Carmody moved to accept the minutes as presented. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
  - **10/05/16: J. Blick made a motion to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
3. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Dew noted the following pieces of correspondence for the record:
  - Letter from D. Shilling
  - Request for tenancy approval has been completed by the Conservation Commission.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Commission will discuss this item at the next meeting.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
  - a. The Nature Center – S. Landis – M. Carmody reported that S. Landis is starting work on the wildflower garden.
  - b. Happy Landings – J. Bronn – Chair Dew stated that she has received a proposal from Sunburst Landscaping for clearing and spraying the front wall, for an amount of \$2,250. **M. Carmody made a motion to approve the Sunburst Proposal for Happy Landings. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**  
Chair Dew noted the letter received from D. Shilling about a dogwood bush at the property, asking to clear around the bush or possibly relocate it. The letter also addressed the planting of butterfly bushes on site. **J. Blick made a motion to approve the planting of butterfly bushes around the sign at Happy**

**Landings and that the applicant has permission to clean the area around the dogwood. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

- c. Burr Farm – M. Carmody – M. Carmody noted that there has been much dog walking on the property.
- d. Williams/Gurski Open Space – J. Bronn, M. Dew – No report.
- e. 18 Junction Road – S. Landis, M. Dew – No report.
- f. Gurski Homestead – R. Blessey, A. Dew – Chair Dew reported that the ad-hoc committee is meeting next week to continue discussions about the Gurski Homestead Master Plan.
- g. Eriksen Farm Open Space – M. Carmody, M. Dew – Chair Dew stated that she had received an inquiry about hosting horse and buggy rides, but because of the host's lack of insurance, the event did not go forward.
- h. Old Bridge Sanctuary – J. Bronn – No report.
- i. Deer Management – M. Dew – Chair Dew reported that M. Dew has indicated there have been a total of seven buck and eleven doe on all of the properties.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and Volunteers – This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. 54 Obtuse Rocks Road: Proposal – Chair Dew briefly reviewed the property information. Chair Dew stated that the Town Attorney has reviewed the deed for the property. Chair Dew stated that based on his review of the deed of the land from CL&P to the Town, the deed indicates use of docks and passive recreation on the property. Chair Dew indicated that the deed may need to be changed. Chair Dew stated that this item will be included on the next meeting agenda.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Other Discussion – Commissioner Bronn's email to the Commission was noted.

**9. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:23 PM, J. Blick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting\*\*\*

**\*\*Next meeting scheduled for March 1, 2017\*\***