



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

**Call to Order:** Chair Alice Dew called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

**Absent:** Commissioner M. Dew; Commissioner R. Blessey

**Also Present:** Recording Secretary E. Cole Prescott

**Minutes of Previous Meeting (02/01/17):** J. Blick made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (02/01/17) as presented. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried, with A. Dew, M. Carmody and J. Blick voting in favor of the motion, and S. Landis abstaining from the vote.

**Guests and Public Comment:** Chair Dew mentioned that a resident, D. Shilling, has contacted her about having the 4H involved in work on the property. She has asked D. Shilling to follow up with M. Carmody and M. Dew. M. Carmody noted some of her ideas, including plantings at Eriksen Farm.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chair Dew reported the remaining amount in the budget.

**Current Project Reports:**

- a. The Nature Center: S. Landis will discuss her ideas for Chrissy's Garden with G. Waltz.
- b. Happy Landings: S. Landis stated that she will use Green Envision to spray Happy Landings and the Gurski Homestead. Chair Dew stated that the Commission had approved the hiring of Sunburst Landscaping to cut back the growth and spray on the stone wall. M. Carmody shared some pictures which resident, D. Shilling had sent about the previously approved planting of a butterfly bush under the Happy Landings sign.
- c. Burr Farm: There was no report.
- d. Williams/Gurski Open Space: M. Dew will blaze two trails on this property.
- e. 18 Junction Road: S. Landis asked for Matt Jennings to submit an estimate for tree work.
- f. Gurski Homestead: Chair Dew stated that the Earth Day Event is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The public workshop begins at 3:00 PM, for the purposes of discussing long-range planning for the Gurski Homestead. Chair Dew also shared minutes of the ad-hoc committee meeting, for the Gurski Homestead Master Plan. Chair Dew noted that she had forwarded a link to a survey for input about the long-term planning of the Gurski Homestead.

Chair Dew stated that tree planting may be done, and residents may leave with cups of small plants. Chair Dew stated that additional information will be sent over email, and she welcomed Commissioners to invite residents.

- g. Eriksen Farm Open Space: M. Carmody will speak with D. Shilling about future projects for this property.
- h. Old Bridge Sanctuary: J. Bronn stated that he had stopped at this site, and everything looks good.
- i. Deer Management: No report.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and Volunteers: Chair Dew stated that she will email Commissioners when she hears of volunteers who are interested in participating.
- b. 54 Obtuse Rocks Road: Chair Dew mentioned the deed restrictions of the property.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Nomination & Election of Officers for the 2017 Calendar Year: A. Dew and J. Bronn reviewed the responsibilities of the Chair's position. Chair Dew nominated J. Bronn as Chair. *There was no second and no vote on this nomination. M. Carmody made a motion to elect A. Dew as Chair, J. Bronn as Vice Chair and S. Landis as Secretary. J. Blick seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.*
- b. Other Discussion –
  - CT Trails Weekend: This event is scheduled on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at the Still River Greenway. J. Bronn has sent the information to the Connecticut Forest & Park Association as well as to the Town's Parks and Recreation Department. There will be a round-trip 5K from the trail head by the Town Center. J. Bronn noted his concerns with parking.
  - Bee Hive: J. Blick asked the Commission for approval to keep her bee hive at the Nature Center. Chair Dew indicated that a hold harmless agreement could be signed between the Town and J. Blick. *There was no motion, but there was no disagreement about this suggestion.*

**Adjournment: A. Dew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**