

APPROVED MINUTES
Brookfield Planning Commission
Thursday, April 18, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room #133 - Town Hall, 100 Pocono Road

1. **Convene Meeting:** Chairman Van Hise convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and established a quorum of members: Chairman J. Van Hise; Vice Chairman A. Kerley; Secretary D. Frankel; Regular Member P. Conlon, and Alternate L. Taylor.* Also present: Recording Secretary, J. Llewellyn.

Absent: N. Tolmoff.

*L. Taylor was appointed a voting member.

2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:**
4/4/2013: A motion was made by D. Frankel to accept the Brookfield Planning Commission Minutes of 4/4/13 with comment from Chairman (below) and correction on item 7. D. Frankel seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 with P. Conlon abstaining: not present at this meeting.

Please note the Chairman's comments, asking that his highlighted notes on the POCD be forwarded to each Commissioner for his/her review, but this was not yet done. Also, under "Informal Discussion", item 7, A. Kerley asked that additional words be added under his comments about Sidebars.

Please note: Chairman Van Hise again asked that the office send copies of his edited notes, and return his original, prior to the next meeting.

3. **Old Business:** There was none at this meeting.

4. **New Business:** There was none at this meeting.

5. **Minutes of Other Boards and Commissions:**

- Zoning Commission 4/11/13: The Chairman noted that this Commission continued the Public Hearing on the regulation changes for the Town Center, and approved them unanimously. They did, however, emphasize flexibility, leaving the option of changing the definitions in the future if need arises.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 4/1/13: No actions made impacting the Planning Commission.

This Commission also had a brief discussion on the hillside behind Costco and the erosion issue.

6. **Correspondence:**

a. **Clearscapes: Winter 2013 issue:** The Rain Garden idea sounded interesting to some Commissioners.

Added:

- b. Follow up email received from First Selectman Davidson on the cell tower issue. According to the Chairman, First Selectman Davidson indicated they are still in

negotiations with the cell tower company. Per the Board of Selectmen’s Minutes, they unanimously approved to sign the lease; however in order for the towers to be installed, they have to be approved by the Siting Council of the State of Connecticut. This item is continued.

- c. WPCA: The Commission had received an e-mail from Nelson Malwitz, WPCA, with his comments on POCD since he is unable to attend the meeting. (See below).

7. **Informal Discussion:**

a. **Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD):**

Chairman encouraged Commissioners to read N. Malwitz’s email which included the following:

- Pointed out that many recommendations of the current plan have been ignored or avoided.
- Called for research, further suggesting a new survey. (A.Kerley pointed out a USPS survey that can be sent as cheaply as 11 cents).
- Encouraged evaluation on how Brookfield did on outlying philosophies in improving community character

Chairman Van Hise reminded the commissioners that they will be discussing Chapters 4 and 5 (only) at the next meeting, and a number of other groups and individuals have been invited to weigh in with their comments. Chairman Van Hise asked all Commissioners to look over his edits (see “Minutes”), and review all material prior to the next regular meeting.

Chairman Van Hise also stated that a note has been sent to R. Baiad thanking him for his service, and reminding him that he may send a formal resignation to the Town Clerk.

- 8. **Tabled Items:** There were none at this meeting.

- 9. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. was made by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Frankel and carried unanimously.

J. Van Hise, Chairman