

Conservation Commission Meeting Town of Brookfield
Minutes of October 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: Doug Vanderpool, Dick Peckham, Sang Curtis, John Nelson, Marilyn Bushman, Lynn Kirby, Tom Giguere, Jennifer McKown, and Craig Evans.

Dick moved that the minutes of the August 27, 2008 meeting be accepted with added signature. Doug seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Lloyd Allen had a zoning question regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. This topic was on the agenda and scheduled for discussion later in the meeting and he was asked to stay until that time.

Brookfield Natural Resources Inventory:

Dick gave members a final copy of the Brookfield Natural Resources Inventory and presented a list of others who would receive a copy. Six or seven additional copies would be available for future distribution.

Discussion of Senate Bill 342:

Dick gave an in-depth presentation on the necessity and ramifications of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Using a map he indicated water resources, sensitive drainage areas for watersheds, and large land parcels in sensitive areas. He reviewed the difference in the RA-1 District and the RA-2 District; and indicated areas where multifamily housing and workforce housing would and would not be allowed. There was discussion among members and public.

The Display Board photographs are ready to be attached to the board. A map on the board will indicate where the photos were taken.

Selectman Report:

Craig said the selectmen are considering a *Special Event Permit* for the general health and welfare of the people. The permit would set parameters for group functions. He explained that sometimes even relatively small functions can not provide adequate parking for vehicles and roadside parking results. The selectmen are reviewing other health/safety issues that need to be monitored and any proposal will be reviewed by Town Council.

Planning Board Report:

Dick said the State Legislature has passed an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance and the Brookfield Planning Board will be looking into adopting that bill. He stated that the planning board may need to write additional facets for the state's ordinance on windmills.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 5, 2008 at 4 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Lynn Kirby, Secretary