

Conservation Commission Meeting Town of Brookfield
Minutes of August 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

Present: Doug Vanderpool, Dick Peckham, Sang Curtis, John Nelson, Marilyn Bushman, Lynn Kirby, Tom Giguere, and Bill Gaver.

The minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting were accepted as read.

Lynn made a motion to add to the July minutes as an attachment, Dick Peckham's July 18, 2008 email clarifying the CC recommendation to the Planning Board. Marilyn seconded and all approved.

The CD-DVD "A Guide to Federal Grants for Conservation" received in the mail will be placed in the Conservation Commission's files.

Old Business:

Distribution of the Brookfield Natural Resources Inventory was discussed. John made a motion to approve the proposed distribution list for the Brookfield Natural Resources Inventory. Dick seconded, and passed unanimously. Adding property sheets without names to the NRI was discussed. Lynn made a motion to add the sheets without the names; Dick seconded, and passed unanimously.

SB 342 for multifamily housing and workforce housing:

Bill Gaver gave members copies of "Citizen's Proposal for Proposed March 2009 Zoning Ordinance Amendments, August 18, 2008 version" and an "Attachment to August 25, 2008 Minutes of Planning Board". Dick reviewed the mechanics to comply with SB 342 as outlined in the attachment and a discussion followed. The next Planning Board Workshop is scheduled for September 8, 2008.

John said all the scenic road signs have been put up on the designated roads.

One wetland permit is still progress and the Town received the permit for the state to put culverts in on Route 109.

Doug spoke about a Proposal to have a commission study the possibility of constructing a fire tower on the summit of Copple Crown. In a letter to the State Senate office, Moose Mountain Regional Greenways indicated their support of this action. Doug asked that if the Brookfield Conservation Commission supports this that we send also send a letter. A discussion followed. Marilyn made a motion to send a letter indicating the Brookfield CC's support of studying the possibility of constructing the fire tower. Dick seconded and passed unanimously. Sang will write the letter.

New Business:

No Selectman was present to give a report.

Dick gave a report from the Planning Board regarding House Bill 310 and House Bill 1405-FN. HB 310 is an Act allowing municipalities to regulate small wind energy systems. The Planning Board will look into possible ordinances addressing this bill. HB 1405-FN outlines State mandated requirements for outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Dick reviewed some requirements specified in the bills and a discussion followed.

No regular Conservation Commission meeting will be held on September 3, 2008. The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 at 4 PM.

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded, and all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.