

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

September 1st, 2010

Present: Tom Giguere, Tom Hill, Geary Ciccarone, John Nelson, Dulcie Lavender, Selectman's representative, Ernie Brown

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:03.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes Review from July 7th, 2010: Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dulcie seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Mail:
 - A. A mailing advertising land management training was presented.
 - B. An article describing how to change a conservation easement was reviewed.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Old Home Day Recap: Old Home Day on the 14th of August went according to plan. The Conservation Commission set up a table to display information prepared by Wendy Scribner, our county forester, about invasive insects and how to care for our forests. The hike led by Jennifer was well attended as approximately twenty people participated. Tom G. plans on posting a picture of the hike on the town website.
 - B. Smith Gravel Pit: A report that stumps are being stored was discussed. This topic will be carried forward to the next meeting when more information will be available.
6. New Business:
 - A. State mandated "Joint Loss Management" for town buildings: Ernie reported that the State requires the Joint Loss Management Committee to meet quarterly to discuss building safety management. An example is to make annual checks on the fire extinguishers so that they work properly. Another example is the recent installation of a key-storage box outside the Town Office allowing emergency responders access in the event of an emergency.
 - B. Selectmen's guidance on website and minutes: Ernie reported that information for the town website should be funneled through committee chairmen. Ernie further reported that there is a committee to work on the website

that includes Jim Murfey, Jennifer Sonricker, and Steve Petriquin. We must remember that the website is an unofficial site while the official posting sites are at Stoneham Corner and in front of the Brookfield Town Office. Town committees should post minutes in a timely fashion.

7. Report from the Selectmen: Ernie reported that the Local Government Center provides classes for municipal officials with an interest in or responsibility for any aspect of municipal land use, including members of planning boards, zoning boards, and conservation commissions. Town funds are available for these classes.

8. Planning Board:

A. Geary reported that the original law suit regarding the Moose Mountain LLC site is no longer an issue.

B. The planning board will now be focusing on the town Capital Improvement Plan. An assessment of town assets is underway.

9. Other business: Dulcie discussed activities pertaining to the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways. Dulcie mentioned that several activities are planned and that she would email details. One of the tentative activities is the September 12th walk on Dulcie's property in which edible plants and medicinal herbs will be identified.

10. Next meeting: 6th October 2010 at 1800.

11. The meeting was closed at 18:48.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____