

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

May 04, 2011

Present: Tom Giguere, Tom Hill, John Nelson, Dulcie Lavender. Alternates: Dick Peckham. Selectman's representative, Ernie Brown.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:10.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Minutes Review from January 5th, 2011: John made a motion to accept the April minutes as written. Ernie seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Mail:

A. Great Bay Matters. Great Bay Estuary Research Center update.

5. Old Business:

A. Town Clean-up. Approximately 95% of the roads were cleaned as based on the signup sheet. Tom indicated that Mountain Rd past Tumbledown Dick Rd was not accounted for so Dick volunteered to clean up that Rd. bringing our completion rate to approximately 98%. More people signed up this year than last which is a positive. Tom H made a suggestion that for next year we check which roads the state plans to clean so there is no duplication of duties. The Boy Scouts were asked to participate however they had a camp out scheduled for the same date. The Bloomers came by and worked on the gardens surrounding the Town Hall. Tom G further reported that the high school counselor's office informed students of our town cleanup; however no students showed up for the event.

6. New Business:

A. Joint project with Heritage Commission. Marylou MacLean talked about a possible joint project of identifying historic sites in Brookfield with the Heritage Commission. Marylou expressed that the Heritage Commission is looking into 10 to 12 historical sites in particular. An archeologist at the state level is interesting in coming to Brookfield for two training sessions. In the first session, she will explain how to record and document a historic site. The next session would involve a trip to a site to do a recording. Tom G will email information from the archeologist to the CC members as it becomes available.

B. Dick reported on a follow up discussion regarding the tracks to trails organization. A bill for repairing a section of track from Cotton Valley Intersection to Fernal Station was \$103,532 in the year 2007. The repair involved replacing substandard granite with another type of material that did not wash out readily. Dulcie reported that the group hopes to upgrade the track through Brookfield and seeks Brookfield volunteers.

7. Report from the Selectmen:

A. The breakfast that the Selectmen put on for Town Cleanup was very much appreciated and was an excellent breakfast for the participants.

8. Planning Board:

A. No Report.

9. Next meeting: 1st June 2011 at 1800.

10. The meeting was closed at 19:13.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____