

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

March 6, 2013

Present: Tom Giguere, John Nelson, Dick Peckham, Terry Jones, Jean Jones. Tom took action to promote Jean & Terry to full membership for this meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:04.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes Review: Dick made a motion to accept the Feb. minutes, Terry seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Mail:
 - A. Protecting Water Resources and Managing Storm Water Runoff. This booklet, which is aimed at larger towns, discusses the need to control water runoff and the contaminants that go with it.
 - B. Update on the Great Bay Estuary. There is some improvement in the toxic concentration in shell fish, however the amount of nitrogen resulting from municipal sewage plants is a real concern.
 - C. Portsmouth Conservation Groups. Such groups are concerned with the scrap metal pile in Portsmouth which is responsible for contaminants leaching into the waters around Portsmouth.
 - D. Department of Environmental Services. A letter from DES confirmed that Mr. Guttadaro corrected a wetlands issue of concern.
 - E. The Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative which includes MMRG received the U.S. Water Prize for their work. To view the Action plan consult the web site www.prep.unh.edu/sfwc.htm.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Campground Zoning Change Proposal. Friends of Brookfield Forests have put ads in the paper addressing the zoning change. Tom wrote a letter to the editor stating the CC's position. In addition, enough abutters signed a protest petition so that 2/3 of the town votes cast would be needed to pass the zoning change proposal.
 - B. Town Clean-up and Selectmen's Breakfast April 27th. The breakfast event will be announced at the March 12th town meeting. Details will be discussed at the next CC meeting.
 - C. MMRG received dues, sent thank you letter addressed to the Selectmen.
6. New Business: Dick talked about the Brookfield Hazardous Mitigation Program sponsored by FEMA. The worthwhile session is more or less a discussion in-pur program which lasts for 2 hours each meeting. The meeting time is Monday March 18, 2013 at the Town office at 6:00pm. Members of the CC are in a particularly good position to furnish input. The town of Brookfield will receive \$25 credit towards the cost of writing an Emergency Plan for each hour a resident attends.
7. Report from Selectmen: No Report.
8. Planning Board: No Report.
9. Other Business: None.
10. Next meeting: 3 April 2013.

The meeting was closed at 18:53.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____