



APPROVED MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance:
Present: Chair A. Dew; Secretary/Treasurer S. Landis; Commissioner M. Carmody; Vice Chair J. Bronn arrived at 7:21pm.
Absent: Commissioner R. Blessey; Recording Secretary E. Cole Prescott; Commissioner J. Blick
Also Present: Sue Slater, Ex-Officio Member

- 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** 07/06/16; 07/19/16 (Special) – **Chair Dew made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th meeting with the change of the word one (of the trails) to the Kahlo trail in 8a. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

Chair Dew made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19th special meeting. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

- 3. GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** No guests; no discussion.
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE:** Information on Interpretive Trail from Arbor Day Foundation. A. Dew mentioned receiving \$5,000 check for Grant from CT Preservation. S. Slater discussed deadline date For Request for Proposal which Chair Dew will send out.
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Discussion of spending to date. A. Dew will get information to S. Landis about the Commission's expenditures.
- 6. CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
- a. The Nature Center –S. Landis mentioned that the removal of the invasive species near the apple trees will soon be done. S. Landis contacted EarthTones about Chrissy's Garden. K. Blick, Julie's son, may be able to help with weeding.
 - b. Happy Landings – Farming/Property Plan Discussion. A. Dew spoke with DBI, the company spraying for knapweed. The grass needs to be mowed approximately 6 weeks before spraying. J. Bronn will ensure that the field is mowed. The field is in better condition, and this years' spraying planned in mid-October should be helpful.
 - c. Burr Farm – M. Carmody said J. Sivo finished mowing. There is a bench that has been damaged. A. Dew will try to find a handyman for this project and others. She spoke with K. Siegrist, Controller concerning this and she agreed this would be fine. A. Dew will contact P. McPadden as per S. Slater's suggestion and S. Landis will speak with C. Rabuse about a handyman.

- d. Williams/Gurski Open Space – No discussion
- e. 18 Junction Road –No discussion
- f. Gurski Homestead –Discussed the date of October 15, 2016 for Farmfest at Gurski Homestead. A. Dew will make a list of jobs and will email everyone. S. Landis will contact a caterer about serving food at Farmfest. S. Slater mentioned that the Yankee Fair will be the same weekend. S. Landis mentioned possibility of German Shepard Rescue. J. Bronn brought up the hay ride as the “big draw”.
- g. Eriksen Farm Open Space –M. Carmody and S. Landis will find a new refrigerator for the tenant (existing refrigerator’s freezer no longer functions). Will revisit the pile of brush near P. Robb’s garden in the Fall. Rent is up to date as per A. Dew.
- h. Old Bridge Sanctuary – No discussion.
- i. Deer Management – No discussion.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and Volunteers – This item will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- b. Trail Guide/Map: Draft & Publication of Document – M. Carmody had some changes to the Burr Farm information and wording changes. A. Dew had a few changes as well that were noted and A. Dew will send to D. Farrell. **Jeffrey Bronn made a motion to approve the Trail Guide with noted changes. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
A. Dew made motion to approve publishing of the Trail Guide by Velocity Publishing for 3,000 copies for approximately \$4,000.00. Seconded by M. Carmody and it carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. FarmFest 2016 – See Item 6f.
- b. Other Discussion – S. Slater mentioned the Volunteer Picnic that will be on September 25, 2016 from 4-6pm at the Gazebo at Town Hall or the Senior Center in the event of rain.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 7:56pm.

Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting
****Next regular meeting scheduled for September 7, 2016****