



Brooklyn Conservation

Commission

P. O. Box 356

Brooklyn, CT 06234

February 26, 2015

Leona Mainville
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 356
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Re: Brooklyn Conservation Commission 2014 Annual Report

Dear Leona,

The Brooklyn Conservation Commission proudly presents our annual report for the year 2014.

Activities\Projects\Grants

The Commission purchased a hand-held GPS to be used for easement monitoring and trails. A trail maintenance and monitoring schedule was created. The Commission continues to work on the trails in Brooklyn in conjunction with other town agencies.

A Planting Party and Clean Up was held at Riverside Park in May. The Commission planted bushes and grasses that were purchased from the Eastern CT Conservation District Plant Sale. Meadow mix was also planted at Riverside Park. In addition, park signs were installed at the park. The Commission received a grant from the Last Green Valley for an Earth Day Clean Up project. The Clean Up took place in Riverside Park as well as areas around town. Fifty bags of trash were picked up along with bulk items such as mattresses.

At Family Fun Day, members of the Commission distributed sugar pumpkin seeds in cowpots. Pictures from the 2013 Spooky Nights Event were displayed to encourage town participation in a pumpkin carving event.

The Commission participated in the Spooky Nights Event in October. Michael Oatley and Harry Adams constructed two pumpkin towers using recycled jugs and real pumpkins. Commission members collected and painted plastic jugs for the tower and volunteered at the weekend event.

Diane Wimmer was elected Chairperson. Jeannine Noel was elected as Secretary. The treasurer duties are handled by the Chairperson. In the spring, the town hired a recording secretary, Shelley Hopkins, for the town's commissions. Jeannine Noel stepped down as Secretary.

The timber harvest was completed at Davis Forest. Signs for Davis Forest and the Disc Golf Course were purchased and a kiosk was built. The kiosk will be installed in the spring/summer of 2015. Eighteen disc golf baskets and three tee boxes were installed. The remaining tee boxes and disc golf tee signs are expected to be installed this spring/summer. A town resident created a Davis Forest Disc Golf Facebook page.

Brooklyn Conservation Commission members continue to attend the Windham County Conservation Consortium meetings. The Consortium was created to link the conservation commissions in Windham County in order to share information and experiences. The Consortium meets twice a year and continues to educate members on conservation issues.

Development Reviews

As a non-regulatory land use commission, the Brooklyn Conservation Commission conducts development site plan reviews and forwards recommendations to the other regulatory land use commissions, Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning. These recommendations are based on review of our natural resource inventory mapping and the potential for impacts from site plan proposals. For subdivisions of three or more parcels, Subdivision Regulations stipulate Open Space donations (quit claim or conservation easement) either to the Town of Brooklyn or other not-for-profit land preservation trust or a fee in-lieu of the property donation.

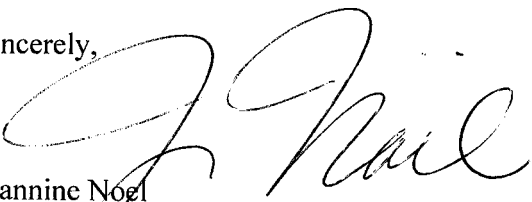
During the year of 2014, the Brooklyn Conservation Commission reviewed one site plan and approved a Declaration of Permanent Restrictions and Covenants .

Training

During 2014, local conservation and land use educational training events and webinars were attended by Brooklyn Conservation Commission members. These are essential in developing the skills necessary to protecting open space and the environment for future Brooklyn residents. Below is a list of training events/workshops/webinars/podcasts, dates and attendance as members of the Brooklyn Conservation Commission.

Training/Workshop Name	BCC Member Attended
Freedom of Information Act Training - January	Harry Adams; Jeannine Noel; Bev Thornton; Diane Wimmer
WCCC - Biomass/Renewable Energy Sources - January	Jeannine Noel; Bev Thornton
Natural Resources Conference at UCONN - March	Bev Thornton
Analysis of Shoreline Change in CT - April	Michael Oatley
Green Infrastructure on the UCONN Campus - May	Michael Oatley
CACIWC Conference - November	Bev Thornton
Aquifers and Watersheds - Podcast	Jeannine Noel

Sincerely,



Jeannine Noel
Brooklyn Conservation Commission

cc: Melissa Bradley