

2014-03-03 Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2014

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Brooklyn Town Hall
March 3, 2014

Present: Diane Wimmer, Chair; Jeannine Noel, Secretary; Bev Thornton; Harry Adams; Dana Heilemann

Michael Oatley absent with notice.

The meeting was called to order by D. Wimmer at 7:30 pm.

A Motion to approve the February 10, 2014 special meeting minutes was made by J. Noel. Seconded by H. Adams. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

No subdivision reviews.

The commission discussed purchasing a handheld GPS to be used for easement monitoring and trails. A Motion to spend up to \$500 on a handheld GPS was made by J. Noel. Seconded by H. Adams. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

The commission discussed easement monitoring. A list of conservation easements and a schedule to monitor the easements will be created. This item is tabled to the fall.

B. Thornton will attend the Natural Resources Conference at UCONN on March 17, 2014.

The commission discussed purchasing plants for Riverside Park from the Eastern CT Conservation District Annual Plant Sale. A Motion

was made by B. Thornton to spend up to \$300 to purchase plants. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No further discussion. Unanimously approved. The commission will purchase Riparian Buffer Kits, Highbush Blueberry, Bee Balm, Northern Sea Oats, Appalachian Sedge, and Northwind Switch.

The commission discussed Family Fun Day. A Motion was made by B. Thornton to spend up to \$150 on supplies to distribute at the event. Seconded by H. Adams. No further discussion. Unanimously approved. The commission will purchase pumpkin seeds, cow pots and soil to distribute at the event in preparation for Spooky Nights. D. Wimmer and B. Thornton will volunteer at the Family Fun Day event. There will be a recycled pumpkin display and pictures from last year's Spooky Nights Event.

First Selectman Rick Ives present.

The commission discussed the 2014-2015 Budget.

First Selectman Ives discussed the status of the timber harvest at the Davis Property. The deadline to complete the timber harvest has been extended 90 days.

J. Noel discussed the CT Trails Day event scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 10:00 am at Riverside Park. The commission is waiting for the event packet from the organizers.

The commission discussed an Earth Day Planting Party to be held at Riverside Park on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:00 am. The commission will be planting the bushes and grasses purchased from the Eastern CT Conservation District Plant Sale.

J. Noel requested nature photos of trails and areas in Brooklyn to be used for the town's website and BCC's Facebook page. D. Heilemann to ask her son to take pictures. First Selectman Ives also requested

some photos.

The commission discussed the Spooky Nights event. The commission will have two pumpkin towers this year.

The commission discussed Walktober. First Selectman Ives informed the commission that the Ag Commission has two events planned. The BCC will be occupied with the Spooky Nights event.

The date for the dedication of Riverside Park is to be announced in the future by Parks and Rec. The park/trail signs for Riverside Park are being created.

No correspondence or public comment.

Motion to Adjourn was made by B. Thornton. Seconded by D. Heilemann. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Noel
Secretary