Brooklyn Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Brooklyn Town Hall

January 5, 2015

Present: Diane Wimmer, Chair; Michael Oatley; Bev Thornton; Jeannine Noel; Harry Adams; Dana Heilemann; and Charlotte Merrill.

The meeting was called to order by D. Wimmer at 7:32 pm.

A Motion to approve the December 1, 2014 meeting minutes was made by H. Adams. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

New Business, New Member Charlotte Merrill: D. Wimmer introduced new regular member Charlotte Merrill.

New Business, Subdivision Reviews: The commission reviewed the application of John Cartier of 749 Allen Hill Road Extension. The application is for a three lot subdivision on 15 acres of property zoned RA. D. Wimmer stated that Jana Butts Roberson said that the M on the map stands for monument and that it will not be affected by the subdivision. D. Wimmer noted that while the subdivision abuts forested land, all of the surrounding parcels are privately owned. There is no access to the property. J. Noel motioned to recommend a fee in lieu of open space. B. Thornton seconded. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Financial Matters: D. Wimmer stated that she has received a letter from Finance Director Sherry Holmes requesting that the commission submit a proposed budget for the next fiscal by January 6. This year’s budget is $2700. The commission decided to propose the following budget:

 Recording secretary $1,200

 Training/Memberships 375

 Printing/Publications 200

 Supplies 950

 Total $2,725

M. Oatley remarked that signs prohibiting the use of dirt bikes are needed for the trails at Davis Park. The dirt bikes are causing damage to the trails, parking lot, and bridge. Furthermore they present a danger to users of the park. The Commission can take care of these signs. The Recreation Department will take care of the disc golf tee signs.

Subcommittee Reports: None

Old Business, Disc Golf: D. Wimmer reported that First Selectman Rick Ives has advised her that the Highway Department will not be able to plow the parking lot this winter because no stone dust has been laid down. This will be done in the spring. Furthermore the tee boxes and kiosk will be installed in the spring. M Oatley suggested asking the plow trucks not to pile snow at the entrance to the park.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

J. Noel stated that she is preparing the annual report and requested that the other members inform her of any training they underwent.

A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Noel. Seconded by C. Merrill. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins

Recording Secretary