

Brooklyn Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building  
January 3, 2017  
7:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson, Diane Wimmer, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Attendance: Diane Wimmer, Dana Hellemann, Charlotte Merrill, Jeannine Noel, and Michael Oatley.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

December Minutes:

Since the Minutes had not been posted to the website, D. Wimmer stated that approval would be tabled until next month's meeting.

November 26 Special Meeting Minutes:

D. Wimmer stated that she had verified with FOI that as long as the minutes are available online and there is a quorum, a vote can be taken to accept the minutes. It need not be a quorum of people who had attended that particular meeting.

Motion was made by J. Noel to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 26, 2016. Second by D. Hellemann. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

**3. New Business**

a) Subdivision Reviews

Property subject of discussion:

Paul Sansoucy, Pomfret Road, Map 25, Lot 19, RA Zone; 1-lot subdivision

D. Wimmer explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission asked that the Conservation Commission Members review the parcel once again (originally reviewed in November). The Commission had based its recommendation (for fee-in-lieu of open space) on 10.5 acres instead of the 154 acres. She indicated the area on the maps that she had provided. It is in the White Brook area, it borders the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association property (which is historical and functionally protected, but not considered open space) and is near the Barrett Hill Windham Land Trust open-space area.

The Commission gave consideration to contours, wetlands, forest, farmland soil, wildlife habitats, CL&P right-of-ways (for power lines), the POCD (co-occurring, moderate critical resource value), and discussed options:

- Keep with the recommendation given in November for fee-in-lieu based on the 10.5 acres;
- Change the recommendation based on the entire 154 acres;

- Ask that 15 percent be dedicated to open space;
- Ask that the open-space land about the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association property to keep it in a protected area;
- Add deed restrictions: The Owner must maintain the property; The Owner must continue to pay the taxes; No development, no dumping, no gravelling, no logging; and the Town has the right to visit the property to ensure that the deed restrictions are being carried out.
- Conservation easement.

Some Commission Members expressed concern for water. They will make notations for the POCD regarding this property.

Motion was made C. Merrill to recommend that open space be designated in the amount of 15 percent, based on the 154 acres of Lot #19 (Paul Sansoucy Subdivision Application), abutting with the property owned by the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association (Lot #11) with the following deed restrictions:

- The Owner must maintain the property;
- The Owner must continue to pay the taxes;
- No development, no dumping, no gravelling, no logging;
- The Town has the right to visit the property to ensure that the deed restrictions are being carried out.

Second by M. Oatley. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **4. Financial Matters**

##### **a) Budget for 2017 – 2018**

The Commission discussed the budget comparing with what was budgeted and spent in 2015-2016 / 2016-2017. There was a consensus to reduce Training from \$375.00 to \$250.00 due to the availability of free on-line webinars.

Some expenses coming up: Signs for Creamery Brook; Markers for Trails; and Trail Maps.

Motion was made by J. Noel to accept the budget for 2017 – 2018 as recommended:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| • Other Supplies            | – \$ 950.00       |
| • Printing and Publications | – 200.00          |
| • Recording Secretary       | - 1,200.00        |
| • Training                  | - <u>250.00</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>         | <b>\$2,600.00</b> |

Second by D. Hellemann. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **5. Subcommittee Reports**

Event Planning – None.

#### **6. Old Business**

D. Wimmer stated that she had spoken to Paul Archer, Archer Surveying, regarding maps to find boundary lines for properties along a trail that Commission Members had walked (in the

Creamery Brook area). They need to find the markers. She e-mailed pictures of signs in need of repair to Rick Ives and will follow-up with him.

**7. Correspondence** – None.

**8. Public Comment** – None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion was made by D. Hellemann to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Second by C. Merrill. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Next Regular Meeting: February 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Perreault  
Temporary Recording Secretary