

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 1, 2017  
7:30pm Clifford B. Green Building**

**Present:** Diane Wimmer, Jeannine Noel, Michael Oatley, Dana Heilemann, and April Lamothe;  
Recording Secretary

**Absent without notice:** Charlotte Merrill

**Also Present:** Aaron Kerouac

- 1) **Call to Order:** Diane Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to approve the April 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Michael Oatley seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.
- 3) **New Business:**
  - a) **Subdivision Reviews:** Nothing to report
- 4) **Financial Matters:**
  - a) **Budget:** Diane Wimmer reported that Sandra Brodeur no longer has cow pots, so cow pots and seeds need to be purchased. Jeannine Noel made a motion to spend up to \$100.00 on cow pots and seeds. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5) **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - **Disc Golf Tournament:** Michael Oatley has no new information about the tournament. There are a few fallen trees that should be removed before the tournament and he spoke with Matthew “Bucky” Lohbusch about cleaning up after Memorial Day.
  - Diane Wimmer plans to speak with Bucky Lohbusch to see if a trail can be cleared to Creamery Brook, so that she can take the kids in June without too many ticks.
- 6) **Old Business - Fracking Ordinance and Meeting with the First Selectman:** Diane Wimmer met with Rick Ives about the Fracking Ordinance and cutting the sod at Riverside. The Town is waiting to pass an ordinance about fracking waste until the State passes a statute. She feels like that will be too late; they do not want someone to do something between the time the State and the Town passing laws/ordinances. Woodstock just passed an ordinance and Pomfret is in the progress of working on one. Jeannine Noel said that the Town needs to be protected by an ordinance. Diane Wimmer said that Rick Ives felt that Planning & Zoning should be a part of the ordinance. Diane Wimmer asked Aaron Kerouac, a member of Planning & Zoning, about what can not be stored in Brooklyn currently. Aaron Kerouac responded that there are very light rules about certain hazardous waste things, which is why he feels that it has go through an ordinance because Planning & Zoning does not have the ability to say a certain type of hazardous waste. Diane Wimmer will attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> and she would like the Commission members to attend the meeting. Diane Wimmer also spoke to Rick Ives about the sign on Creamery Brook; he will contact Doug Gagnon about the sign. She also asked him to cut down one of the back meadows. Diane Wimmer will pick up stakes to mark the plants and tomato cages to put around the blueberry bushes. If it gets dry, please water the plants.

- 7) **New Business - Family Fun Day:** Memorial Day - Diane Wimmer will be there with a table. There are left over brochures from last year on open water. Becky, a high school student, will be volunteering at the table.
- 8) **Correspondence:** *The Habitat*, Winter 2017, was passed out. Connecticut Water requested reauthorization of consumptive water for use, which is renewing the well heads that are already in place.
- 9) **Public Comment:** Arron Kerouac commented about the Fracking Ordinance and wondered about the language going to be used. He suggested that it read something along the lines of 'no hazardous waste byproducts,' so that it would cover fracking waste and cooling water in the same ordinance. Dana Heilemann read the Woodstock ordinance on fracking, which covers various aspects of waste. Arron Kerouac had spoken with Rick Ives about making a joint commission subcommittee with Inland Wetlands Commission, Conservation Commission, Agriculture Commission, and Planning & Zoning for Zoning Mapping and contingency plan for the Resource Recovery Station for the future. He mentioned that Hartford policy writers should visit Brooklyn regarding a policy in the works about conservation and energy usage concerning forestry versus farmland. He is going to try and get them here by August.
  - June 10<sup>th</sup> is the Disc Golf Tournament. Jeannie Noel suggested that there should be clinic to teach disc golf.
- 10) **Adjournment:** Michael Oatley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely Submitted,  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary