

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 3, 2022
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Diane Wimmer, Jeannine, Dana, Richard, Carolyn via zoom

1. Call to Order – Diane called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
 2. Minutes of December Meeting – Jeannine asked for a correction of gold to golf. Diane asked for a motion to accept with correction of gold to golf. Jeannine made a motion, Dana seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 3. Budget 2021-22 – Nothing to report
 4. New Business
 - a) subdivision reviews – None
New member – Victoria Fradette appointed by First Selectman, Austin Tanner. She should be at the next meeting.
 - b) Discussion and review PoCD 2011-2020- Diane spoke with Jana and asked how to address concerns or questions. Jana said communications could be via email. Jana called this afternoon and stated she'd updated the Plan to include what's already been done and added a couple of items. The implementation recommendations for the Conservation section had a background, objectives and maps for historical and archaeological resources, unique and natural features, open space, water wetlands, potential aquifer resources, habitat and forest. It's online for anyone to find. Diane asked Richard **Calarco (Corrected)** if this is the type of thing we need to do for the new plan. Richard stated Conservation needs an overall master plan for land usage. Discussion took place.
Transportation #7 – Develop plan for rights of way, other access points and/or easements. Discussion took place. Ongoing to implement.
- Parks and Recreation #11 - Disc golf course created. Discussion took place around maintenance.
- In the packet is a spreadsheet about wetlands enforcement tracking which is one of the recommendations as well as History of Open Space Dedications which tracks fee in lieu of open space.
- #1 – With the goal of reaching X %. Find out what that number should be. Ask Jana. Ongoing.
- #2 – Keep - ask about regulations. Ongoing.
- #3 – Done – PZC did it. Remove.

- #4 – Workshops as appropriate instead of bi-annual.
- #5 – Being done. Keep.
- #6 – Ask Jana for purpose of overlay zone.
- #7 – Done and implemented.
- #8 – Ongoing.
- #9 - Aquifer is now P&Z, no longer CC. – Remove adopt and make ongoing
- 10 – Now P&Z.
- 11 – Conservation is non regulatory commission. Moved to P&Z. But educate. Ongoing.
- 12 – Connects with #7 transportation discussed. What is the Quinebaug River Greenway?
- 13 – Take out forest-based industries. Add and to address issues of environmental justice and combat the impacts of climate change. Timeline ‘as appropriate’
- 14 – Keep. Ongoing instead of 3-5 years.

New #15 – Establish and support existing and future sustainable plants and trees on town owned land. For example, rain gardens, butterfly gardens. Priority 1. People involved should be members of Conservation, Agriculture, Public Works, Parks & Recreation. Ongoing.

New #16 – Open space and natural resource conservation – To maintain and enhance and expand town trails for walking, hiking and non-motorized activities. People involved should be members of Conservation, Public Works, Parks & Recreation. Ongoing. Ask Jana about grants for these projects.

- 5. Old Business – None
- 6. Correspondence - None
- 7. Public Comment – None
- 8. Adjournment – Richard made a motion to adjourn. Dana seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies
Recording Secretary