

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
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Present: Diane Wimmer, Co-Chair; Jeannine Noel, Co-Chair; Michael Oatley; Ben Thornton; Harry Adams

Dana Heilemann absent with notice.

Town Planner/Land Use Administrator Jana Butts Roberson present.

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

There being no alternates currently on the Commission "Seating of Alternates" will be removed from future agendas.

A Motion to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes was made by B. Thornton. Seconded by M. Oatley. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

The Commission reviewed the following subdivision applications:

SD13-002 Rene Barbeau, 263 Allen Hill Road, Map 33, Lot 35-4, RA Zone, 1 Lot Re-subdivision. The Commission reviewed the application using the Brooklyn Natural Resource Inventory maps. The maps indicate that farmland soils exist, but there is no active agriculture. The Commission recommends that Inland Wetlands re-confirm the wetland area on the property. There is a potential for archeological findings. The Commission recommends that the proposal be sent to the state archeologist, Nick Bellantoni, for review. The Commission recommends that the existing stone walls on the town's property be preserved. According to Brooklyn's Plan of Conservation and Development 2011-2021, the property is located in an area with a high conservation of open space. It is located in a key agricultural area. The property has a moderate critical resource value. A Motion for Fee-in-Lieu of Open Space was made by J. Noel. Seconded by B. Thornton. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

SD13-001 Carol Bard, Hyde Road, Map 25, Lot 45A, VCD Zone, 2 Lot Subdivision. The Commission re-evaluated this application and amended its previous findings to add a recommendation for a Fee-in-Lieu. A Motion for Fee-in-Lieu of Open Space was made by H. Adams. Seconded by M. Oatley. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

D. Wimmer informed the Commission that the budget passed.

The next Spooky Nights meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Brooklyn fairgrounds. The Commission is going to be in charge of the pumpkin collection and the scarecrow display. The Commission discussed making Jack-O-Lanterns from recycled material.

M. Oatley reported that the timber harvest on Davis Forest will be completed in the spring on the side where the disc golf is being constructed. Parks & Rec has posted signs that the property is currently closed. Bucky Lohbusch has agreed to store the disc golf equipment. The installation of the disc golf course will take place this summer.

The Commission discussed Riverside Park. The plantings are doing fine due to all the rain, but they are being overrun by bittersweet and poison ivy. The natural area of Riverside Park has not been mowed or harrowed per the WHIP Grant. Invasive plants have not been sprayed. D. Wimmer to discuss this with Austin Tanner.

No correspondence or public comment.

Motion to Adjourn was made by M. Oatley. Seconded by B. Thornton. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Noel
Co-Chairperson