

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2012

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Present: Jeannine Noel, Co-Chair; Dana Heilemann; Michael Oatley; Bev Thornton;
Holly Drinkuth, alternate

Guest: Cherie Poirier

The meeting was called to order by J. Noel at 7:43 pm.

Motion to seat alternate, H. Drinkuth, was made by M. Oatley. Seconded by B. Thornton. Unanimously approved.

Motion to amend the agenda to move the discussion of 183 Barrett Hill Road to the front of the agenda was made by H. Drinkuth. Seconded by M. Oatley. Unanimously approved.

Cherie Poirier addressed the Commission regarding a grant under the Community Farms Preservation Program for 183 Barrett Hill Road. Created in 2008, the Community Farm Preservation Program was designed to protect farms in small towns and suburban areas which contribute to community character and local food production, but do not meet the criteria for the state's Farmland Preservation Program. July 31, 2012 is the deadline to submit a grant request. Motion for the Commission to write a letter of support to the Department of Agriculture to pursue the Community Farms Program for 183 Barrett Hill Road was made by H. Drinkuth. Seconded by B. Thornton. Unanimously approved. A soils map will be attached to the letter of support. J. Noel will draft the letter to J. Dippel at the Department of Agriculture.

Motion to approve May 7, 2012 minutes was made by H. Drinkuth. Seconded by M. Oatley. Unanimously approved. Motion to approve June 4, 2012 minutes was made by M. Oatley. Seconded by B. Thornton. Unanimously approved. The April 2, 2012 minutes were lack of quorum. No approval needed. April 12, 2012 minutes need to be finalized and approved at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed and reviewed maps which were distributed by H. Drinkuth to P&Z for their meeting on July 11, 2012 concerning the sand and gravel permit for SPG12-001 Redmond Property LLC, Bailey Woods Road, Map 22, Lot 8, RA Zone, gravel removal approximately 30,000 cubic yards. Members of the BCC will attend the P&Z meeting.

ArcGIS 10 has been loaded on the BCC's laptop. M. Oatley and J. Noel will be working with the program.

M. Oatley has been attending the meetings for the Parks & Rec Halloween event. The event will be held at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds and a site walk has been conducted to determine the layout of the event.

M. Oatley updated the Commission on the progress of the Disc Golf course. P&Z is requesting a site plan of the Davis Forest where the Disc Golf course will be created.

B. Thornton and D. Wimmer attended the June 18, 2012 workshop on maps and reviews for CT POCD. Update to be done for 2013-2018. The goals of the state and town should match. (www.dir.ct.gov)

M. Oatley will follow up with Sherri Soucy to see if the town has received the Earth Day grant from the TLGV. He will also check with D. Wimmer and B. Lohbusch to make sure they have been reimbursed for their expenses concerning Earth Day.

J. Noel discussed the condition of the Riverside Park and Creamery Brook trails. J. Noel to contact First Selectman Austin Tanner concerning the maintenance of the Creamery Brook trail. The Riverside Park trail will not be mowed until after mating season in the fall.

Motion to adjourn made by H. Drinkuth. Seconded by D. Heilemann. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Noel
Co-Chairperson