

Brooklyn Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Brooklyn Town Hall

March 2, 2015

Present: Diane Wimmer, Chair; Jeannine Noel; and Charlotte Merrill. Michael Oatley, Bev Thornton, Dana Heilemann, and Harry Adams were absent with notification.

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

New Business, Subdivision Reviews: There were no subdivision reviews.

New Business, Training: D. Wimmer stated that UConn's College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources (CLEAR) offers free webinars. J. Noel said that she will be attending the Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources on March 16.

New Business, Other: Land Use Administrator Jana Butts Roberson discussed the issue of source water protection. Groundwater resources that do not have public wells represent the future public water supply of the Town. Marc Cohen of Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association could work with the Town to create a source water protection plan at no cost to the Town. Such a plan would assess threats such as nonpoint sources of pollution, roadways, and residential and commercial uses. J. Roberson will ask Mr. Cohen if he is available to make a presentation at the Commission's next meeting. D. Wimmer suggested that Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning be invited to attend.

Financial Matters, Budget: D. Wimmer stated that the Commission's 2015-2016 budget has been submitted.

Subcommittee Reports, Event Planning Subcommittee Report: None

Subcommittee Reports, Family Fun Day: D. Wimmer stated that she will purchase the CowPots. A case of 144 costs about \$60.

Old Business, Disc Golf: No discussion.

Old Business, Other: No discussion.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

J. Roberson handed out the Quinebaug River Paddle Guide. The canoe launch in Riverside Park is featured. She asked for the Commission's permission to post the guide and similar materials on the Commission's page on the Town website.

D. Wimmer inquired whether the source water protection plan would need to go to a Town meeting. J. Roberson said that the answer is no; Planning & Zoning could adopt the plan as an amendment to the POCD. She will research the adoption process.

D. Wimmer noted that the Commission is not participating in Connecticut Trails Day this year due to lack of interest by the public.

D. Wimmer stated that she will contact Tom Rukstela of the Highway Department to determine which field is going to be harrowed this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins

Recording Secretary