

Brooklyn Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Clifford B. Green Memorial Building

February 1, 2016

Present: Diane Wimmer, Chair; Michael Oatley; Jeannine Noel; Harry Adams; and Bev Thornton

Absent: Dana Heilemann and Charlotte Merrill

Guest: First Selectman Rick Ives

A Motion to approve the January 4, 2016 meeting minutes was made by H. Adams. Seconded by B. Thornton. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Subdivision Reviews: None

Financial Matters, Budget: M. Oatley stated that the tee signs for the disc golf course have been ordered. The Commission discussed the need for a "No Cutting of Trees" sign. M. Oatley will contact Gagnon Sign to order one, to be placed at the first hole.

D. Wimmer noted that J. Noel distributed a current fiscal year budget update. The Commission is well within budget.

Subcommittee Reports, Event Planning, Family Fun Day: The Source Water Subcommittee has decided that the Source Water Protection Plan brochure should be distributed at this event. Therefore, the Commission's participation in this event will revolve around the brochure.

Subcommittee Reports, Event Planning, Source Water Subcommittee: The brochure will be distributed at Family Fun Day, as previously noted.

Subcommittee Report, Event Planning, Other: First Selectman Ives stated that the Board of Selectmen would like to plan a significant effort for Earth Day. He said that the Board of Selectmen does not expect the Conservation Commission to spearhead this effort, but the Board would like the Conservation Commission to verbally support the Town's Earth Day event. A date has yet to be selected.

A motion to support a Town Clean-Up Day was made by J. Noel. Seconded by B. Thornton. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

B. Thornton discussed the fact that several sections of the Mashmoquet Brook Watershed have been deemed impaired by CT DEEP. These include White Brook. Mashmoquet Brook feeds into the Quinebaug River. Failing or inadequate septic and sewer systems need to be brought up to date. At this time such updates are voluntary; however in three years it will become mandatory for property

owners to install engineered septic systems. No property owner with a septic system that is over 20 years old will be able to sell that property without updating the system.

First Selectman Ives stated that he has some information on how property owners can take care of and keep track of their septic systems. D. Wimmer would like to distribute this information to the public along with the Source Water Protection Plan brochure.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by H. Adams. Seconded by M Oatley. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins
Recording Secretary