

Brooklyn Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building  
February 6, 2017  
7:30 PM

Present: Diane Wimmer, Dana Heilemann, Michael Oatley, Jeannine Noel, and Charlotte Merrill.

Approval of the December 5, 2016 meeting minutes was tabled.

A Motion to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes was made by J. Noel. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

New Business, Subdivision Reviews: None

Financial Matters, 2017-2018 Budget: D. Wimmer stated that the proposed budget for 2017-2018 reflects a \$200 decrease in the Training line item due to the availability of free online training.

Subcommittee Reports, Report from the Fracking Waste Workshop: J. Noel stated that Jennifer Siskind of Food & Water Watch was the speaker. Fracking is currently being performed in 30 states. There are three waste treatment facilities in Connecticut that can accept fracking waste. These facilities are located in Bridgeport, Meriden, and Bristol. A number of Connecticut towns have enacted ordinances prohibiting fracking waste. These towns include Washington, Coventry, Mansfield, Portland, Andover, Ashford, Willimantic, Branford, Middletown, and Windsor. In Coventry and Andover, petitions were initiated to bring a proposed ordinance to a Town Meeting per the Town Charter. J. Noel read Riverkeeper's definition of fracking waste. Riverkeeper's fracking waste flyer lists the chemicals that are commonly found in fracking waste.

D. Wimmer suggested that the Commission share this information with First Selectman Rick Ives. M. Oatley inquired as to which town board or commission would sponsor such an ordinance. D. Wimmer stated the Board of Selectmen would have to send the ordinance to a Town Meeting. D. Wimmer and J. Noel agreed to attend the Board of Selectmen's next meeting on February 9, 2017 to present this information. D. Wimmer noted that while no fracking takes place in Brooklyn, the Town does have a transfer station that could potentially serve as a repository for fracking waste. She feels that the Committee should be proactive on this matter.

Old Business: D. Wimmer noted that Parks and Recreation Director Bucky Lobusch told her that Family Fun Day is scheduled for May, provided it is not cut from the budget.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

The Committee briefly discussed recent sightings of immature bald eagles.

J. Noel advised Committee members that she can post to the Committee's Facebook page any photos they have taken while hiking in Brooklyn.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Heilemann. Seconded by C. Merrill. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelley Hopkins  
Recording Secretary