Brooklyn Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Brooklyn Town Hall

July 6, 2015

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

Guest: Marc Cohen of Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association

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

A Motion to approve the June 1, 2015 meeting minutes was made by C. Merrill. Seconded by M. Oatley. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

New Business, Subdivision Reviews: None

New Business, Other: None

D. Wimmer moved Old Business, Aquifer Protection Program up on the agenda, to precede Financial Matters.

New Business, Other: D. Wimmer stated that Jeffrey Arends of Inland Wetlands and Tom Rukstela of the Highway Department have been appointed to serve on the project team for the Aquifer Protection Program. M. Cohen said that Land Use Administrator Jana Butts Roberson has someone in mind from Planning & Zoning. It is not yet known who will be appointed from the public. D. Wimmer noted that the new project team members should be invited to attend the August meeting of the Commission. D. Wimmer stated that First Selectman Rick Ives inquired whether this project will entail the creation of regulations. D. Wimmer noted that the project team’s role is purely advisory and the team’s primary mission will be one of educational outreach. M. Cohen stated that it may be a good idea to publicize the project in the local paper.

Financial Matters, Budget: D. Wimmer stated that she submitted Family Fun Day receipts for reimbursement. She ordered a banner using funds from last year’s budget. M. Oatley inquired about the possibility of purchasing additional signage for Riverside Park. D. Wimmer said that funds from the current budget could be used to do so.

Subcommittee Reports, Event Planning Subcommittee Report: No report.

Subcommittee Reports, Spooky Nights: D. Wimmer said that the Teen Center has been making bottles for the event and also plans to carve pumpkins. M. Oatley submitted a receipt for the music video to Parks and Recreation Director Bucky Lohbusch. Old Business, Disc Golf: No update.

Subcommittee Reports, Other: None

Old Business, Disc Golf: M. Oatley reported that the Parks & Recreation Department initiated installation of the tees; however, they were installed incorrectly. Three or four tees will have to be removed and reinstalled properly.

Old Business, Other: D. Wimmer stated that she has spoken with First Selectman Ives regarding Riverside Park. The plan is to harrow one third of the Riverside Park fields sometime after August 15. Because Town staff have participated in certification training, it may be possible to apply a pesticide to the bittersweet. Work on the Carol Randall trail has been completed. D. Wimmer will check on the status of the other trails.

Correspondence: None. D. Wimmer will pay the CACIWC membership dues.

Public Comment: None

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by H. Adams. B. Thornton seconded. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins

Recording Secretary