

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
November 7, 2016
7:30 PM

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

A Motion to approve the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes was made by D. Heilemann. Seconded by M. Oatley. No discussion. Unanimously approved. J. Noel abstained.

New Business, Subdivision Reviews: Paul Sansoucy, Pomfret Road (Rte. 169), Map 26, Lot 19, RA Zone, Proposed One Lot Subdivision for the Purpose of Future Residential Construction. The Commission reviewed the Subdivision/Site Plan Review Checklist. Agriculture Resource Map: Commission members agreed that approximately 50% of soils are farmland soils. Water Resource Map: Commission members determined that approximately 25% of the parcel is wetlands. Forest and Wildlife Resource Map: The Commission agreed that 90% of the parcel is edge forest. Committed Open Space Map: Not applicable. The parcel does not abut any open space. Archeological/Historic Map: Commission members deemed approximately 30% of the parcel as having potential archeological significance. View Sheds & Scenic Vistas: J. Noel noted that while the property is on a scenic highway, the proposed construction is set so far back on the property as to be unseen from the road. D. Wimmer noted that the proposed development has no impact on any of the Town trails. The property owner has requested a fee in lieu of open space.

A Motion to recommend the approval of the proposed subdivision, with a fee in lieu of open space, was made by J. Noel. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Commission did not receive the application as part of the subdivision review packet. Going forward, the Commission would like to have the application be part of the packet, as it has in the past.

Emails and Other Correspondence: The Commission discussed the use of maps in evaluating subdivision proposal requests. There was consensus that e-mailed maps do not lend themselves well to evaluative purposes. The Commission would prefer to be provided with larger printed maps. D. Wimmer spoke with First Selectman Rick Ives regarding this matter.

A Motion was made by J. Noel to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters, Budget: No discussion.

Subcommittee Reports, Event Planning: No discussion.

Old Business, Schedule of Maintenance Meeting with First Selectman: The Commission discussed the possibility of the First Selectman attending the Commission's next meeting to discuss this matter. The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting at the Carol Randall trail on Saturday, November 26 at 9:30 AM.

Correspondence: D. Wimmer stated that the Town received a letter from FEMA discussing the Shetucket Watershed mapping project. J. Noel distributed the minutes of the Windham County Conservation Consortium's September 29 meeting. She also handed out CACIWC's newsletter, The Habitat.

Public Comment: None

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Heilemann. Seconded by M. Oatley. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins
Recording Secretary