

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

July 6, 2011

Present: Tom Giguere, Tom Hill, John Nelson, Dulcie Lavender. Alternates: Jen McKown, Dick Peckham. Selectman's representative, Ernie Brown.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:07. Dick Peckham was designated a member for this meeting.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Minutes Review: Dick made a motion to accept the May minutes as written. Ernie seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Mail:

- A. Biomass Energy information pamphlet.
- B. DES Complaint letter regarding a possible dock installation without permit on the Abelson property located off Mead Dam Road.
- C. MMRG (Moose Mt. Regional Greenways) newsletter.

5. Old Business:

A. Joint project with Heritage Commission. Mill site training has been rescheduled for July 16th from 10:00 till 14:00. A state archeologist will be in Brookfield providing training on recording historical sites.

B. Old Home Day planning. Jennifer will lead a hike up Copple Crown. Dick will lead a group to Mountain Lake. Hikes will meet outside the Town House at 10AM. Trail maps for other hikes in town will be available at the Town House. Old Home Day coincides with the breakfast given by the Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society which begins at 8:00 and runs until 11:00. A pig roast is being planned for an evening meal.

C. Fund Raising for Hansen Road Repair. Road Agent Eddie Nason quoted \$400 to repair Hansen Road. Tom reported that he researched use of the Conservation Fund, but did not feel it was appropriate. The Fund may be spent in accordance with RSA 36-A "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town". Ernie reported that he will be selling tee-shirts and sweatshirts to raise money for the repair. Dick made a motion withdrawing the Conservation Commission from the project, John seconded, and after discussion, the motion passed.

6. New Business: New Website Content: at a minimum each board/commission webpage should contain: Agendas, minutes, list of members (with term expirations), contact information for chair, meeting schedule, duties & responsibilities, all forms (if applicable), and rules of procedure (if applicable). Other items members felt should be included: Procedures for the public to donate to the Conservation Fund per RSA 36A, tax benefits of donating a conservation easement, a list of

public land in the area, MMRG articles, wildlife information, and links to other conservation groups.

7. Report from the Selectmen:

A. Ernie reported on the new website along with the repairs of Stoneham Road and Tibbits Hill.

8. Planning Board:

A. No Report.

9. Other Business

A. Dick mentioned that he had a discussion with David Towles concerning his pond off Route 109. The pond has filled with silt and Mr. Towles would like to dredge it making it usable as a dry hydrant pond. He would accept a letter from the Conservation Commission in support of the project. No objections were raised. **Tom G.** will draft the letter. Also Dick reported that resident Donna SanAntonio has joined the Rails to Trails Committee which has the goal of making the rail line through Brookfield accessible to foot and bicycle traffic.

10. Next meeting: Aug 3rd 2011.

11. The meeting was closed at 19:06.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____