

BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION MEETING

Minutes of July 6, 2016 Meeting

Present: Tom Hill, Dick Peckham, John Nelson, Jean Jones, Terry Jones, George Yeager-Alternate, and Richard Zacher-Selectmen's Rep

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Public Comments and Guest Speakers:

Speakers:

- A. Patti Connaughton-Burns, MMRG Executive Director

Patti discussed the fact that not all conserved land is on the map. She requested that the CC review the map and try to be sure that it is updated with all the conserved land in Brookfield. Patti stressed the importance of this information and requested that the CC send the completed information to her.

- B. Wendy Scribner, University of NH Cooperative Extension Educator, Forest Resources NH Licensed Forester

Wendy had an open discussion with the townspeople in attendance concerning the land that the town approved to purchase. Wendy advised that she had walked the land last October with some CC members and Selectmen. She discussed some of the things that Brookfield might do to preserve the land and in the future harvest timber. There were several questions and input from the townspeople present.

Wendy discussed best to set objectives and the need to get an inventory of the timber resources. Her suggestion was to hire a private licensed forester to collect all resources and identify the boundaries of the approximate 250 acres. She suggested that the town get at least 3 licensed foresters to come out and give a cost estimate and their opinion. A ballpark figure for the expense of a licensed forester would be \$5000.00 for this much land.

Wendy was asked if perhaps some trees could be harvested to cover the cost of a licensed forester. She again suggested that the town get 3 opinions and suggestions on how to pay for the forester.

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A suggestion was made that the historic areas of the land be preserved and protected when determining the management of the land.

Wendy was very informative and there were several discussions on the use of the land and if some or all should be designated as town forest and who should manage the land.

The CC appreciates Wendy's input as well as the participation of the Townspeople.

3. Minutes of the June 1, 2016 reviewed. John Nelson made a motion to approve. Terry Jones seconded. Motion passed.

4. Mail:

A. Received monthly statement from Meredith Village Savings. A deposit of \$630.00 from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and \$.13 interest posted. New balance \$4719.39.

B. Received a thank you letter from the MMRG for CC annual donation.

C. Letter from NH Dept of Environmental Services concerning timber cut on Mr. Benson's land.

D. Received Guide to Planning Successful Invasive Plant Management from NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

5. Old Business:

A. Jenn McKown will be requesting someone from the Audubon to speak at the September CC meeting.

B. Letter was sent advising of the CC's support of the funding of the continuation of the trail between Wolfeboro and Brookfield to the Bureau of Trails.

6. No New Business

7. Selectmen's Report:

A. Rich Zach suggested that a special meeting be held for the public with the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to discuss the land that is being purchased.

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8. There will not be a CC meeting in August.
The next meeting will be held September 7, 2016
9. Meeting closed at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Jones