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Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 129
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance:
Present: Alice Dew, Chair; J. Bronn, Vice Chair; S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; M. Carmody, Commissioner; M. Dew, Commissioner; J. Blick, Commissioner
Absent: R. Blessey, Commissioner; M. Murphy, Commissioner
Also Present: Library Director Anita Barney & Library Board of Trustees Commissioner Christina Cumberton; Recording Secretary Emily Cole Prescott
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 10/07/15 – Chair Dew made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/07/15 meeting. M. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried, with S. Landis, J. Bronn, M. Dew, and A. Dew voting.**
3. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Anita Barney, Library Director, and Christina Cumberton of the New Library Committee for the Library Board of Trustees, were present to discuss the potential of building a new library at the Gurski Homestead.* Christina Cumberton explained the vision for the Library, if it were to be constructed at the Gurski Homestead property. **J. Bronn made a motion that the Commission approves the concept of exploring the possibility of having a potential library site at the Gurski Homestead. J. Blick seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A. Dew distributed copies of the most recent *Habitat*.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** S. Landis reported that there is currently \$12,975 remaining in the 15/16 fiscal year budget.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
 - a. **The Nature Center** – S. Landis – S. Landis noted the nice decorations on the site, and S. Landis had called the tenant about signing the lease. The First Selectman's Secretary is preparing the lease. The apple crop was very good.
 - b. **Happy Landings** – J. Bronn – DBI sprayed the first week of October and they are in the process of submitting their invoice, which should be approximately \$4,900. M. Carmody stated that she had heard from one of the voters at the polls how nice the Happy Landings site looks. A. Dew noted the professionalism of the work. The spray will also need to be done next year, and possibly the year after that. After three years, the Commission may decide how to handle the fields. J. Bronn stated that there will be only three years left on the haying lease at that point.

- c. Burr Farm – M. Carmody – M. Carmody stated that J. Sivo has sprayed the field south of her house. One more of the fields had also been sprayed, and one of the fields had been baled. The fence looks great, but did not come as far west as it should have been. M. Carmody has asked J. Sivo about adding two more sections of fencing. M. Carmody stated that some of the rails need to be tightened, and noted the locations. M. Dew mentioned that this work could be done. The gate has been put up. Either J. Sivo or M. Carmody's niece has installed the gate. M. Carmody stated that there is more fencing in the Nature Center garage, and some of this work could be done. M. Dew stated that J. Sivo has done much work for the Commission, and M. Dew will go out to the site to dig the holes. There are two or three posts and seven rails at the Nature Center. M. Carmody also stated that there is a lot of dog walking.
- d. Williams/Gurski Open Space – J. Bronn, M. Dew – Topsoil has been dumped.
- e. 18 Junction Road – S. Landis stated that the carpet is up; the floor underneath and the matting is dry. The area will be left as it is for the time being. There is a new mailbox and the front door is fixed.
- f. Gurski Homestead – R. Blessey, A. Dew – M. Dew thanked A. Dew for inviting him to speak in Hartford regarding the matter of the Gurski Homestead. M. Dew shared with the Commission a two-page document he had written of his work with the property over the past years. A. Dew explained that the matter is now before the SHPO which will discuss the matter among themselves.
- g. Eriksen Farm Open Space – M. Carmody, M. Dew – The gate has been put on, and M. Carmody noted that she is happy with the siding.
- h. Old Bridge Sanctuary – J. Bronn – No report.
- i. Deer Management – M. Dew – No report.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. List of Potential Projects for Community Organizations and volunteers – This item is tabled.
- b. Trail Guide/Map: Draft & Publication of Document – Brief discussion/no motions.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

At this time, the Commission discussed a pending Land Use application proposal for an affordable housing development located at 854-857 Federal Road.

- a. 854-857 Federal Road: It was noted that this application proposes a large amount of impervious surface, located in wetlands areas. The Commission preliminarily reviewed the plans, specifically sheet C2 concerning the above matter. **M. Dew made a motion to authorize J. Blick to write a letter regarding the application to the Inland Wetlands Commission about their [the Conservation Commission's] concerns over this proposed project at 854-857 Federal Road (The Enclave). M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT: At 8:03 PM, J. Blick made a motion to adjourn, which S. Landis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting
****Next regular meeting scheduled for December 2, 2015****
