

WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 1171
WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01585
Minutes
September 3, 2008

Present: Gordon DeWolf
Richard Provencher
Brian Silva
Diane Oliver-Jensen
Jesse Serrano
John Hooven

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon DeWolf.

John Hooven made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2008 as written.
Gordon DeWolf seconded the motion. Voted 6-0 to approve.

Reviewed plans to demolish an existing home, build a 4-bedroom dwelling with a walkout basement within existing footprint upgrade septic on 44 Ware Point Road owned by William Cass. Jesse Serrano and Brian Silva will make the site visit. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for October.

Warrants were signed.
Mail was read.

7:30 Public Hearing-Notice of Intent, West Brookfield Water Department, Long Hill Road and Warfield Road to replace a 10" water pipe with a 12" pipe. The pipe will be placed under the river by using directional drilling, digging a pit 10'x10' for equipment and restore to original condition, will have a hydrant and use bendable pipe with no disturbance to the wetland. Order of conditions was written.

7:45 Public Hearing-Request of Determination-Lake Wickaboag Improvement Association, between 137 and 138 Lake Shore drive to repair a boat launch/removal area. John Carrier and James Boyko were present as representatives of the Lake Wickaboag Improvement Association. Robert Brokak, Sara Allen, and Michael Allen, abutters were present. Brian Silva and Jesse Serrano excused themselves from participating due to conflict of interest as they are members of the association. Objections by abutters included that the property was not always a boat launch/removal area but a swimming area. Abutters questioned who actually owned the property. Abutters questioned where the boundaries were located. After a much "heated" discussion amongst the abutters and the applicant, the Conservation Commission felt that they could not issue a permit until the boundaries were surveyed and the owner of the property was established. The Public Hearing was again continued until the next meeting, October 1, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. Sara Allen requested that the abutters be notified when the next meeting will occur regarding the boat launch/removal area.

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8:00 Public Hearing-Request of Determination, William Remington, Jr., 219 East Main Street to construct house, garage and septic system. Determination was written.

8:15 Public Hearing-Notice of Intent, National Grid to construct underground utility line to extend gas services to CBIS Industry, 29 Freighthouse Road. Representatives from Tata & Howard were present to answer questions. Order of Conditions written.

Gordon DeWolf reported on a site visit by Diane Oliver-Jensen and himself to Ragged Hill Road to view a Beaver dam and lodge. Concerns from neighbors to the Board of Health resulted in a non-lethal way to deal with the situation, which then became a conservation issue. Gordon stated that he would not sign off until Mr. Ella, property owner, contacted Fisheries and Wildlife for a plan.

Briefly discussed that the Notice of Intent for the drawdown of the lake had not been received to date.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jesse Serrano. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary