

**WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 1171
WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01585**

Minutes

November 3, 2010

Present: Gordon DeWolf
Diane Oliver-Jensen
Richard Provencher
Brian Silva
Jesse Serrano
Christine Long
Eric Tunley

The secretary/Assistant Town Clerk swore in our new member Eric Tunley.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7 p.m. Secretary read a letter of resignation from Diane Oliver-Jensen, effective the end of November, who is relocating to Canada. She will be available, if needed, for consultation through December.

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: NOTICE OF INTENT, Travis Hinton, 195 Wigwam Road, simple access road of sand, stone and gravel approximately 12' x 240' long. We have not received a DEP # to date. Gordon DeWolf did the site visit and gave the description that this area was an old wagon road. An Order of Conditions was written to read: Renovation of an existing woods road. Culverts are to consist of two 24-inch pipes minimum. Diane Oliver-Jensen made a motion to approve the Order of Conditions as written with insertion of culverts. Brian Silva seconded the motion. Voted 7-0 to approve the Order of Conditions. Paperwork will be held pending receipt of a DEP number.

ORDER OF CONDITIONS: David Henrichon, 49 Lyon Road. We are still holding an Order of Conditions pending receipt of a septic design. Secretary will write a letter asking for two septic designs, one for our records and one to be sent to DEP.

Conservation Restriction McRevy Property Updates. Gordon DeWolf stated that the State did not award the land grant. There were too many applications and not enough funds. We can apply next year.

Beaver Permit: Gordon DeWolf stated that last year the Town hired USDA to rid beavers in 5-6 locations and now there are two more sites, one located in a swampy area across from the sawmill on Wickaboag Valley Road and the other at Coy Brook by Honey Bee Farm Stand on Route 9. The original permit is issued by the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission has to agree with this. Gordon has talked to the USDA person and he will send a letter with details next week. We can agree to it subject to Board of Health approval and then send him a letter. Brian Silva made a motion to

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approve the permit subject to Board of Health approval. Diane Silva second. Voted 6 to approve and one abstain.

MINUTES: Brian Silva made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Diane Oliver-Jensen second. Voted 7-0 to approve the minutes.

The warrants were signed. The mail was read.

FOREST CUTTING PLAN: Jim DiMaio was present to discuss his project. He is the Town Tree Warden. He stated that his land is in 61A and has been cutting four to five acres a year and did not really need a cutting plan but because the beavers had made three ponds along the power lines, which was his access to the forest, he decided maybe he should. Because of the above, he has permission to cross a neighbor's property to get to the woods. However, the neighbor will not put this in writing. It was suggested that he contact the Conservation Commission. Gordon DeWolf stated that the Forest Cutting Plan is none of our business. We have no reason to interfere. Brian Silva made a motion to approve the plan. Diane Oliver-Jensen seconded the motion. Voted 7-0 to approve the plan.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR DIANE: The party began with Diane Oliver-Jensen singing "O Canada." Brian Silva made a cake with the Canadian colors and the "leaf" symbol. Christine Long also made a cake. Jim DiMaio waited patiently to discuss his project and thus, joined the members in wishing Diane well in her relocation to Canada.

The meeting/party adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary