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

Minutes  
May 5, 2010  

Present:  
Gordon DeWolf  
Diane Oliver-Jensen  
Christine Long  
Brian Silva  
Jesse Serrano  

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7 p.m.  

Brian Silva and Jesse Serrano along with John Cook from the Quaboag Current want to walk all of the Conservation Commission property and evaluate the condition of each parcel, remove any debris and at some point write some regulations on usage. They both recently attended the MACC Conference at Holy Cross College and attended a seminar on taking care of Commission-owned property. They talked about contacting other towns and see what regulations they have. They have requested that Gordon DeWolf provide them with a colored zoning map that he has by the next meeting so they can get started.  

REQUEST OF DETERMINATION CONTINUED:  
CSX Transportation, Inc., Vegetation Management Plan for years 2010-2014. In today’s mail, we received the maps that we had requested from Stephen G. Herzog, AMEC Earth & Environmental. After reviewing the maps based on the information we have, we cannot approve at this time. A letter will be sent to Mr. Herzog stating that “Based upon the information and maps submitted, we cannot approve the project as submitted because we believe the area between Front Street (from Central Street eastward to end of street) and railroad tracks is a jurisdictional wetland and presumably should be marked for limited spray zone. We base our judgment on documentation submitted by other Notice of Intents in the surrounding area.” The Public Hearing will be continued.  

West Brookfield Water Department Well Field Project: Received a letter from DEP approving site examination and pumping test proposal for source, Leland Road Well. Reviewed a letter from Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stating project will not adversely affect the actual resource area habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species.  

COMPLAINT: Gordon received a complaint from a neighbor that there was cutting and a tractor involved in a wetland area belonging to Paul and Sonia James, 24 Richardson Road. Gordon wrote a letter to them asking to cease activity until you demonstrate that the activity is not within 100 feet of a wetland or you file a Request of Determination and receive a formal hearing. Mr. James telephoned Gordon on 04/28/2010 and said that he was just cutting some brush and got his tractor stuck. He agreed to allow Gordon to view the property on his next day off, which may be this Friday and he will call Gordon.
Reviewed Forest Cutting Plan: Anthony Woodman, Wickaboag Valley Road

MINUTES: Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0 to approve the minutes as written. (Diane Oliver-Jensen was not present at the time of approving the minutes).

Warrants signed.
Mail read.

The next meeting will be June 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary