West Brookfield Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 1171
West Brookfield, Massachusetts 01585

Minutes
November 4, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order by Gordon DeWolf at 7 pm.

7:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: Arthur Maskell, Madden Estates, Request of
Determination to dig a new well 75 feet from Mill Brook. Patrick Zoppo from McClure
Engineering was present to answer questions. He stated that DEP says he must have the
well in by November 22, 2009. Determination written and will be sent to McClure
Engineering.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: Donald Richards, 97 Burrington Road,
block wall along waterline Lake Wickaboag during drawdown. Gordon DeWolf has
talked with him and to get a Certified Wildlife Habitat Study performed would cost a
minimum of $1,200.00. He is away at present and will think about it upon his return.
The Public Hearing was continued until December 2, 2009.

Review Forest Cutting Plan: Melas, Inc., Madden and Pierce Road in West Brookfield
and New Braintree and Review Department of Conservation and Recreation letter of
disapproval of this plan until issues are addressed. There is no action for the
Conservation Commission to take on this matter.

Gordon DeWolf reported that he had talked to a homeowner adjacent to Brice Leslie,
who clearing for house lots and selling gravel, and that his home is ¼ mile from the road
and has a lot of “ups and downs”. He wants to level out the ridge and fill in and level the
land off. The “dip area” is not wet but down the street there is a “dip area” that has
cattails growing in it. My advice to him was that if he stayed outside the cattail area, the
Conservation Commission would not be concerned.

Diane Oliver-Jensen said the Planning Board has bought a hard drive for aerial photo-
pictography but needs a computer. She said that DEP has grants for computers and GIS
software and training. Diane will contact our Circuit Rider, Jennifer Gensel for more
information. Brian said that he had had training awhile ago and would like a refresher
course. Christine said she would like to train. Brian stated that we could use a digital
camera for site visits. If we were to obtain a computer, the Planning Board could share
their new aerial photo-pictography hard drive with us.
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Brian Silva made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009. Jesse Serrano seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 to approve.

Signed warrants.
Read mail.

Brian Silva made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Serrano seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary