WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01585  
Minutes  
March 21, 2018

Present: Gordon DeWolf  
           Richard Provencher  
           Brian Silva  
           Christine Long  
           Eric Tunley  

Absent: Jim Talvy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eric Tunley at 7:08 p.m.

SHEA ROAD: Eric talked with Highway Superintendent Jim Daley. He wants to do an “emergency band-aid fix” by raising the dip in the road a maximum of 6 inches and repave Shea Road to Madden Road. In the future, the bridge will have to be replaced. He will submit a Notice of Intent with a Sketch Plan with measurements.

MINUTES: Brian Silva made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018 as presented. Richard Provencher second. Vote unanimous to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018 as presented.

Richard Provencher made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 as presented. Eric Tunley second. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 as presented.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-KENNETH MILLER 110 WICKABOAG VALLEY ROAD: Eric Tunley did a site visit. There is a shed on the property that was not part of the Notice of Intent. Eric has talked with Zoning and they have not received any paperwork for the shed. Hold until shed issue is resolved.

PUBLIC HEARING: DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY-COY BROOK LAND TRUST-NORTH MAIN STREET: Improve existing long-term agricultural road by adding native material and drainage. Jim DiMaio made a presentation. This is a gravel road that has worn out with time. Conservation Commission told him that it was not necessary to come to us because it falls under agricultural. He knew this but wanted to have records. Negative determination given.

BROOKHAVEN LAKE EXTENSION PERMIT: Order of Conditions 329-0153 was extended until June 3, 2021.

LAKE WICKABOAG EXTENSION PERMIT: Rebecca Giguere, Solitude Lake Management representative and Al Collings were present. Al Collings made a presentation explaining chemicals used and types of weeds to be treated. Order of Conditions 329-094 was extended until June 12, 2021.
NORMAN HILL, LAND PLANNING, INC.-SOLAR FARM ON 140 WIGWAM ROAD: Submitted Notice of Intent too late for Public Hearing for this meeting and secretary scheduled for April 5, 2018 meeting. After reviewing the plans submitted, this project will have to go before Stormwater Authority for approval first and then return to Conservation for processing. The Public Hearing scheduled for April 5, 2018 will be continued until further notice and Norman Hill will be notified.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-WOODMAN-72 NEW BRAINTREE ROAD: The completion of project was not checked. Eric talked with Attorney Damian Berthiaume and he will check off project completed.

LETTER- NATIONAL GRID- Gas main relay of an existing gas main-Highland Trail. Reviewed.


COMPLAINTS: Richard Rossman spoke to secretary about Maple/Winter Street parking in wetland area.

REDUCING COMMISSION FROM SEVEN TO FIVE MEMBER: Discussed and unanimously voted to reduce Commission from seven to five members. An Article will be put on the Annual Town Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be April 11, 2018.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Eric Tunley said that Karen Nichols had a discussion with Barry Nadon about putting hay bales on Snow Road Project.

Eric Tunley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Provencher second. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary