WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
January 4, 2012

Present: Gordon DeWolf  Keith Arsenault
         Jim Talvy
         Brian Silva
         Jesse Serrano
         Christine Long

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Brian Silva made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2011. Jesse Serrano second. Voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of December 7, 2011 as presented.

MACC Conference: The Conference will be on March 3, 2012 at Holy Cross College. Members are to review the classes available and decide which ones they want to take for the February meeting.

TOWN REPORT: Members reviewed 2011 report.

SOLAR FARMS: Presently there are two landowners in West Brookfield that are pursuing plans for a Solar Farm, Keith Arsenault, John Gilbert Road and the Samek property on East Main Street. Gordon DeWolf stated that he cannot find anywhere in Mass General Laws a definition of farming by solar. Jim Talvy stated that farmers whose land is in APR cannot use their land for a solar farm. He has talked to farmers who have applied and APR has rejected their plans.

PROPERTIES FOR CONSERVATION: Treasurer Keith Arsenault stated that there are properties that may be foreclosed. He would like us to put our heads together to see if we can conserve some land for conservation. The Commission will look for their map and go over what we have. Areas adjoining APR property, town forest or large parcels would be most desirable.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jesse second. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 1, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary