WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01585

Minutes
May 2, 2012

Present: Gordon DeWolf, John Sweeney
Jim Talvy, Ken Henneman, Boat Club
Brian Silva, Linda Racine & Chris Laurenzo, Builder
Christine Long
Eric Tunley

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent, John Sweeney, 69 Lake Shore Drive, replace existing retaining wall that fell down this winter with interlocking concrete block wall. Applicant was given emergency permission to rebuild before the draw-up of Lake Wickaboag. Order of Conditions written. John Sweeney was present.

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent, Lake Wickaboag Boat Club, 43 Lakeview Avenue, repair of boat ramp. Applicant was given emergency permission to rebuild before the draw-up of Lake Wickaboag. Order of Conditions written. Ken Henneman representing the boat club was present.

JACOBI PROPERTY: 120 Shoreline Drive. Linda Racine, prospective new owner and her builder Chris Laurenzo were present. They wanted to know if the extended Order of Conditions (08/17/2014) would still be okay if the building location and/or size were changed. The Commission told them that they would need a new Notice of Intent. The present owner must file a WPA Request Certification of Compliance to remove the present Order of Conditions from the deed. They left with all their questions answered.

Reviewed letter from National Grid pertaining to Maintenance and Control Program.

SITE VISIT: Gordon DeWolf made a site visit at 40 Richardson Road, John/Linda Snider property and noted that the entrance road was located on the side of the wetland and not in the area marked on the plan submitted with the Notice of Intent, which was acted upon on April 4, 2012. We will make a note to be aware of work performed by Greenhill Engineer and Chaffee in the future.

Jesse Serrano, Eric Tunley and Brian Silva attended the opening of the new West Brookfield Wildlife Management Area ceremony on Saturday April 28, at the 320-acre parcel along Wickaboag Valley Road, Mill Brook and Whortleberry Hill.

Betty DiMaio, Assessor Clerk, prepared maps of current Town/Conservation owned properties. The Maps will be kept in the file cabinet in the Conservation Office.
SOLAR PROJECT: The Conservation Commission discussed the Solar Project proposed for Route 9 East Main Street. Joy Turturro has contacted Brian Silva and discussed her concerns. Brian would like to review the copy of the plan that was submitted for the Notice of Intent. Secretary will get this to him. Gordon DeWolf said the Zoning Board of Appeals had contacted him asking what action the Stormwater Authority and Conservation Commission had taken and secretary wrote a letter and enclosed a copy of the Order of Conditions. Mr. Samek retained a two-acre strip of land behind his barn and he was given permission from the owner who bought the field that he can farm this until house lots were sold. Gordon DeWolf said the dirt that Mr. Samek has stockpiled on his land came from one of the mills in Ware. It was noted the Solar project cannot be started until National Heritage completes their study and also until they have obtained a conservation restriction for the wetland area. Gordon DeWolf said one problem with this is that the land area is very small and will need State approval for acceptance. Brian Silva asked if we had solar bylaws. Christine Long said that the Planning Board had asked the Zoning Board of Appeals if they wanted a Solar Bylaw or did they want Rules and Regulations. They opted for Rules and Regulations.

MINUTES: Brian Silva made a motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2012. Eric Tunley second. Vote 5-0 to accept the minutes of April 4, 2012 as presented.

Warrants signed

Brian Silva made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Tunley second. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary