WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
May 7, 2014

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Seaboard Solar, Rear RT9/Gilbertville Road.
They had written a letter requesting a Certificate of Compliance. Secretary sent Form WPA 8A to fill out. Preconstruction meeting held on May 6, 2014 and at this meeting it was determined that they do not need a Certificate of Compliance because the property had not been sold.

2014 YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN – CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. Plan reviewed.

CALLS: Gordon received two calls regarding 33 Long Hill Road. We had issued John Paolucci a Determination of Applicability. He is building a house. Road is higher than the lot and he is adding fill here. Gordon said the river front zone should have been measured from the edge of the high water. Members double checked the measurements of the flagged areas by the engineer on the site visit not realizing they were not measured from the edge of the high water. Board of Health has issued a Septic Permit.

Phyllis Allen, 9 Pine Trail: We issued her an Order of Conditions on April 2, 2014 to improve current terrace on banking adjacent to Lake Wickaboag and stairs and straightening pressure treated wooden piece for parking as well as two sets of bunks for kayaks. No machinery to be used on slope. Double staked straw bales from stairs down to property line and terrace. Neighbor complained that a tractor was trespassing onto her property to work on the project. It appears there is a right of way that the Allen’s are allowed to park their cars on. Neighbor called Gordon and went to the Police Department to file a Notice of Trespassing. We will issue a Cease and Desist Order tomorrow until the alleged trespassing complaint is settled to allow the Contractor access to the property. No Machinery allowed beyond the corner of the house. If the timber facing wall at the side of the driveway is to be replaced: a. A plan be submitted to the Conservation Commission showing the distance of said wall, horizontally, from the margin of the lake and b. Plan to show placement of hay bales to prevent sediment from entering the lake.
Richard Chaffee, Maple/Winter Streets: A resident called DEP. We issued him an Order of Conditions to build one house on Winter Street, which is out of the flood zone. He is working out of the flood zone. He did have to come to us because he is outside of the 100’ buffer zone and outside of the marked flood plan. He is within the law. Gordon wrote him a letter April 22, 2014 telling at present there seems to be no problem but requested that he notify us with a plan indicating the limit of construction activity and the margin of the area with trees.

Barry Nadon, Sr. Property on Wickaboag Valley Road at Snow Road. Brian Silva has had complaints of the cutting of trees in the wetland area of this property. Gordon explained that the laws were different for agriculture and that he was clearing the land to make a pasture for his animals and he can do this.

Gordon Dewolf gave us a lesson on invasive species, which was both informative and interesting. Thank you Gordon.

Minutes approved.
Warrants signed.
Mail read.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary