The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Jesse made a motion to accept the minutes. Eric second. Voted 6-0 to accept the minutes of September 7, 2011 as presented.

SOLAR FARM: Keith Arsenault, Ragged Hill Orchards was present. He presented a plan by his engineer Steve Gioiosa. He said soil samples were taken today. He is planning a 4200 solar panel farm on five acres of his orchard on Ragged Hill. The Commission members were very interested in this project and asked many questions. Keith said he had hoped to do the project this fall but now it will put off until spring. He will own the solar panels and they will be placed two feet off the ground. His contractor is Fall River Electric. Gordon DeWolf said there is no problem with this plan as far as the Conservation Commission is concerned. However, Stormwater Authority is concerned in that it appears there may be more runoff than before the project. Keith Arsenault will file a Notice of Intent with the Commission once the plan is approved by the Stormwater Authority.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: West Brookfield Housing Authority requested a Certificate of Compliance. Gordon DeWolf made the site visit and the septic system repair project has been completed. A Certificate of Compliance was issued.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Sheehan Debt Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care requested a Certificate of Compliance. Gordon DeWolf made the site visit and the added parking area project has been completed. A Certificate of Compliance was issued.

DONATION OF PROPERTY: Kenneth Erickson, Woburn, MA is donating to the Town for Conservation Commission use Lots 232, 233, 234, 235, and 269 on 73 West Shore Road. An Acceptance Deed was signed.

PLANTING PERENNIALS FOR PRODUCE: Gordon DeWolf received an e-mail from John Root asking the Commission to write a letter to the Cultural Council asking them to welcome John Root’s presentation of “Edible Perennial Gardening and
Landscaping” in West Brookfield in 2012. Secretary will write a letter to the Cultural Council.

Warrants were signed.
Mail read.

Jesse Serrano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Tunley second. Voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**The next meeting will be November 2, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long