WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
October 5, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7:11 p.m.

MINUTES: Eric Tunley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016. Richard Provencher second. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016 as presented.

Brian Silva made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2016 site visit at the landfill. Richard Provencher second. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes of September 17, 2016 site visit at the landfill as presented.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS: Seaboard Solar DEP File # 329-0183, 59 Gilbertville Road. Sean Reaney, Project Manager said the project will not be completed by the November 7, 2016 date of expiration of the Order of Conditions. He would like an extension of one year. Brian Silva made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for one year. Richard Provencher second. Unanimous vote to extend the Order of Conditions 329-0183 for one year. Completed WPA Form 7 Extension Permit for Order of Conditions hand-delivered to Project Manager Sean Reaney.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Request for Determination: Board of Health, cutting 50 trees at Landfill. Administrative Assistant Sarah Allen, Logger Kevin Chobot and residents Tim Nolan and Mary Jane Haesche were present. At the site visit on September 17, 2016 at the Landfill, the Board of Health was directed to submit a written narrative plan with a map of how the trees were to be removed and to tag the 11 uncut trees. Administrative Assistant for the Board of Health Sarah Allen and Logger Kevin Chobot were present but did not present a narrative plan. Logger Kevin Chobot had an assessors map, talked about putting down swamp mats and a skidder to take out the trees but the process was unclear without proper mapping and a narrative of how the trees were to be removed and restoration process if necessary. The Conservation Commission again directed the Board of Health to submit a narrative plan and mapping and to have the wetlands marked. The Commission will meet on site when this information is available. Administrative Assistant Sarah Allen asked when they have this information available would the Commission consider meeting before the November meeting and the answer was yes if members were available. We will wait to hear from the Board of Health.
The Public Hearing was continued to a site meeting, the date to be announced when known.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:  Charles & Laurie Calkins, 76 Kennedy Road, driveway. The Order of Conditions was 329-092 of March 1998. Eric Tunley made the site visit but it was unclear which driveway was the one in question. Secretary has been talking with Attorney Berthiaume’s secretary on this matter. It appears that they may or may not need this document. We will await more information.

TOWN FORESTS MA DCR FSC-GROUP CERTIFICATION UPDATE FROM DOUGLAS HUTCHESON: Gordon read the document. The conclusion was that no action was needed by the Commission and the document will be filed.

NATIONAL GRID LETTER: Vegetation Control Services will occur between October 3, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Letter reviewed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Richard Provencher said we should re-organize our Commission. He made a motion to have Eric Tunley as Chairman. Brian Silva second. Christine Long made a motion to have Gordon DeWolf as Vice Chairman. Brian Silva seconded. Christine Long asked if she could still be secretary. Richard Provencher made a motion for Christine Long to be secretary. Eric Tunley second. The Commission unanimously voted in the new slate. Eric Tunley said he was excited to be named chairman and would accept as long as we continue to have good teamwork. We will re-organize again in June 2017.

Brian Silva said we should develop requirements for new members, such as becoming certified within a specific time period, attending a minimum of meetings, letting secretary know if you cannot attend a meeting, etcetera. Brian asked to be put on the agenda for November to discuss the Open Meeting Law.

Brian Silva made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Tunley second. The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary