

Minutes

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting

February 20, 2023 7:00 pm

Monthly meeting at Brookfield Town Office/Library

(hybrid meeting: Commissioners and public able to join by Zoom)

1. Review Agenda - Meeting began at 7:05 with Binhammer, Jickling, Shea and Strong present. Marty Allen, candidate member.
2. Public Comment – none
3. Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2023 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Town Forest Management Plan revision
Final draft of forest management plan prepared by country forester, AJ Follensbee. Jickling will present the FMP to the selectboard on February 27, 2023.
5. Mapping of draft Conservation Zone and Wildlife Connectivity Overlay Zone
Discussion of CC input into the planning commission work on the zoning bylaws. Plan to identify larger forest blocks as conservation zone and including a limit on driveway length (eg. 300 feet maximum) as a means for reducing fragmentation of existing forest blocks. Binhammer to develop draft forest block map and Shea to develop talking points for presentation to the Planning Commission.
6. Conservation Commissioner search update: Marty Allen asked about functions and activities of the CC. other candidates could be Amy Borgman, Sarah Shaw.
7. Presentation update: March 5th 4:30 pm Strong will present at the Pond Village Church -African Safari: Where Elephants walk. New suggestions for other presentations: pollinator friendly trees and shrubs, invasive exotics.
8. Town meeting: Announce green up, distribute the bird safety stickers.

9. New business

10. Adjourn – Meeting concluded at 8:32. Next meeting is March 20, 2023