

Brookfield Planning Commission DRAFT Minutes

April 25, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Office and Zoom

Members Present: Gwynn Zakov (Chair), Martha Judy, Will White, Kevin Ring, Patricia Kennedy

Public Present: Susan Shea, Jon Binhammer, Clotilde Hryshko, Jim Merriam, Connor Rigney and Harry Falconer (TRORC)

1. Chair Zakov called meeting to order at 7:03 PM
2. Will White and Keven Ring moved to approve minutes from the March 14th 2023 meeting. The minutes passed unanimously.
3. Planning Commission agrees to have recommendation sent to the Select board to appoint Jim Merriam to the open position on the Planning Commission. Chair Zakov will message the Select board prior to their next months meeting.
4. Clotilde Hryshko spoke with the commission regarding dates for a forum at the Old Town Hall. June 1st was the agreed upon date, at 7PM. Clotilde will put out information about the event to the community. Discussion about the forum will be added to next months Planning Commission agenda.
5. Further discussion with Susan Shea and Jon Binhammer (Brookfield Conservation Commission) about how to incorporate protecting forest blocks in our bylaw revision. Proposed changing Forest blocks to Forest Conservation Districts. They provided an overlay map to show forest areas and a suggested wildlife corridor between Brookfield and Williamstown. Susan said they would help figure what % of Brookfield the forest blocks make up, some of these areas are comprised of steep slope and wetland areas.
6. Reviewed with Connor Rigney his edit suggestions to our bylaws. Much discussion back and forth about conditional uses, definitions, and his suggestion to merge Pond Village and Extended Pond village, reducing lot area minimums, parking requirements, etc. Harry Falconer will be taking over for Connor Rigney in the future. Mr Falconer said he can help draft language regarding multi family dwellings and accessory dwelling units. He will also be able to work with Planning Comm. to incorporate subdivision regulations into Brookfield bylaws. The grant Brookfield received will cover this.
7. Date of May meeting to be set at a later date. Harry Falconer will get back to us with a date he would be available to join us in May.

8. Chair Zakov adjourned the meeting at 8:41PM

Respectfully submitted, P Kennedy