

Minutes

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting

June 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Present at the Brookfield library were Commission members: Jon Binhammer, Starr Strong, Jon Jickling and Sue Shea. Candidate members, Sarah Shaw and Marty Allen also present.

1. Review Agenda – added point
2. Public Comment - none
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 2023 meeting – Jon B moved to approve, Sue seconded. All voted in favor to approve the minutes.
4. Download on Greenup day - We didn't fill the rolloff dumpster, Starr well talk to the selectboard to see whether for next year there is a smaller unit or dump directly into the truck. Starr noticed that not many young people turned out. Next year will try to raise greater visibility of the event with the school and other means. one site in Braintree on West Street where there is active dumping off the bank into the brook. Explore the opportunity to ask Norwich to help clean up the West Brookfield Gulf?
5. Vote on updated bylaws to expand commission membership from 5 to 7: Starr moved to adopt new edits, Susan seconded, vote was unanimous
6. Vote to recommend new board members. Jon J moved to approve Sarah Shaw and Marty Allen as new board members, Sue seconded. unanimously approved.
7. Vote of officers: Sue moved to approve slate, Marty seconded.
 - a. Chair: Jon Binhammer
 - b. Treasurer: Starr Strong
 - c. Clerk: Sarah Shaw
 - d. Vice Chair: Susan Shea
8. 30 Acre wetland on Rt 14: owned by several individuals and titles are complicated and behind paying taxes. Proposal is to explore whether town

or state to buy the land for the back taxes and potentially add to the adjacent state land. There was general support for investigating this.

9. Town Forest boundary marking – continue marking the boundaries. Jon J will order the paint prior to the end of the fiscal year.
10. Update on chain link fence removal project: Starr purchased a game cam to monitor wildlife movement. Pursuing
11. Public walk and events – Allis State Park: walk and Tree ID on Sept 17. Details to be discussed at August meeting
12. New business – September 8th presentation at the Old Town Hall
13. Marty moved to adjourn, Jon J. seconded, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm – the next meeting is August 21st, 2023. No meeting in July.