

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting

August 19, 2024

7:00 Regular meeting via Zoom: <https://tnc.zoom.us/j/91502304317?from=addon>
Commissioners Present: Jon Binhammer, Jon Jickling, Susan Shea, Sarah Shaw, Starr Strong

Meeting Called to order at 7:06pm by Jon Binhammer

1. Review Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the June meeting
 - a. Jon Jickling moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Susan Shea.
4. Town Plan Discussion – Planning Commission hearing, Selectboard hearing
 - a. Jon Binhammer shared an update that the Selectboard has requested some changes to the Natural Resources section of the Town Plan. Jon Jickling suggested it may be related to Forest Blocks and Wildlife overlays and whether both are needed or if they can be combined into one overlay. The Commissioners agreed that there is specific rationale for having both overlays and that it may be worthy to reiterate that to the Selectboard. Jon Binhammer confirmed he will reach out to Planning Commission for an update.
5. Ongoing Project Updates
 - a. Town Forest Harvest Project
 - i. Jon Jickling shared an update relating to the Town Forest Harvest Plan. He reiterated the news that Washington County Forester, Robert Nelson, will be the new forester for Brookfield and will support the Commission and Town with the Town Forest Harvest plan proposed to and accepted by the Selectboard on July 22. The plan includes harvest for the pine stand in the forest affected by pine needle cast infection to reduce further risk of mortality.
 - ii. A Meeting with Mr. Nelson will be held Thursday, August 27, 2024 at 10AM at Town Forest to review harvest plan.
 - b. Susan Shea provided an overview of the flood resilience events hosted with the White River Partnership in June.
6. Possible Executive Session for Real Estate Matter

- a. Motion to enter Executive Session by Susan Shea at 7:40pm, Jon Jickling seconded.
 - b. Motion to leave Executive Session at 8:03pm by Starr Strong, Seconded by Jon Jickling.
7. Other Business
- a. Jon Binhammer shared an update relating to the Wildlife Overlay Map for Town Plan. The map approved and suggested by the Commission has been adjusted in the Planning Commission's review process.
8. Adjourn
- a. Jon Binhammer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm

Next meeting is September 16, 2024, 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah A. Shaw