

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes - Approved

October 21, 2024

Commissioners Present: Jon Binhammer, Susan Shea, Starr Strong, Marty Allen, Sarah Shaw

Meeting called to order 7:15pm by Jon Binhammer

1. Review Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the August meeting
 - a. Susan Shea moved to approve minutes, motion seconded by Marty Allen.
4. Town Plan Update
 - a. Jon Binhammer provided an update on the Town Plan progress. The maps included in the Plan will include the wildlife overlay and identified forest blocks, in addition to pre-existing conservation blocks. Commissioners will plan to attend any upcoming public hearings related to the Town Plan.
5. Ongoing project updates
 - a. Town Forest Management
 - i. County Forester Robert Nelson is proposing an expanded harvest plan to include a higher cut in the pine due to forest health/mortality and low commercial value of original prescription. Robert also proposes that the Town include some harvesting in the adjacent hardwood stand (stand #4), which has an active prescription.
 - ii. The Commission will schedule a field visit with the County Forester to review the suggestions for Stand 4 and discuss any questions related to the proposals. Commissioner Jickling is coordinating a site visit date with Robert.
 - b. Wildlife Crossing
 - i. No new updates.
6. Class II Wetland Inventory and Delineation
 - a. The Commission discussed the viability and priority of a Project to inventory priority wetlands in the Town of Brookfield, with initial focus on the wetland, currently Class III, around the fen on the Bissan property.
7. Other Business
 - a. Starr Strong will review Commission finances (YTD) and prepare a report for the next regular meeting.
8. Adjourn
 - a. Sarah Shaw moved to adjourn, seconded by Marty Allen.
9. Next meeting November 18, 2024 at 7pm.