TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
6 Central Street
Brookfield, MA 01506

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 16, 2011

PRESENT: William Neault, Chairman
Kenneth Cleveland
Carrie Worthington, Clerk
John O'Leary, Jr.
Heath Grimes

ABSENT: Timothy Simon
Mike LaRocca

GUEST: Richard Chafee

Mr. Neault opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Neault began with reviewing the minutes from our July 19, 2011 meeting.

MINUTES:
Kenneth Cleveland made a motion to accept minutes with revisions. Mr. O'Leary2nd the motion. William Neault; Kenneth Cleveland; Carrie Worthington; and John O'Leary all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7:21 p.m. – Mr. Neault opened the Public Hearing for Mr. Richard Chafee.

Prior to tonight's Public Hearing a site visit by John O'Leary, Heath Grimes, and Kenneth Cleveland was conducted at Mr. Chafee's property.

The members commented about the following:

- Previous driveway (gravel) – Lot A
- 2 driveways going by brook – Lots B & C
- Kenneth Cleveland requested to note in the Order of Conditions that the driveways for Lots B & C stay gravel.

There were no abutters at the Public Hearing.

The Conservation Commission explained to Mr. Chafee if Lots B or C are sold the buyers need to see the Conservation Commission before any intended work on driveways could begin.

Mr. Neault asked if there were any more questions, concerns, or comments. There were none.

Mr. Neault closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. O'Leary made a motion to have a letter of no impact for Mr. Chafee regarding Lots B & C. Kenneth Cleveland 2nd the motion. Kenneth Cleveland; John O'Leary, Heath Grimes; Carrie Worthington; and William Neault all voted in favor.

Mr. Richard Chafee will have letters of no impact decision and will include this information when these lots are sold.

Correspondence:

- Kopelman & Paige, P.C. – 18 page printout
- Mass Green Career Conference, Sept. 30, 2011 – Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA
- Open Space Conference, Aug. 20, 2011, Greenfield, MA

NEW BUSINESS:

7:38 p.m. – QQLA Phase/South Pond Boat Ramp.
There are some changes to phase 1; listed are just a few:

- Eliminates fence and gate.
- 5' ft. out further from dock.
- Rudy Heller checking out pole across street to see if we (town) can put a light on it where crosswalk will be.
- Project has already been put out to bid.

7:45 p.m. – Discussion regarding river bridge on Rte. 148.
Mr. Neault reviewed what engineers plan on doing with bridge:

- Going to move bridge 20; ft. to east.
- Move front of road over 12' ft. to east. Mr. Neault thinks it would be better to move it 10' ft. and take bend out of it.
- Build a wall from river to Correia's (White's Landing). This still leaves him parking area.
- Raise the bridge by 5' ft.

Forest Cutting Plan/N.O.I.
We have nothing to say about wetlands crossing.

Conservation Commission members suggest a form be prepared for the selectmen so they can check and make sure the property owner is up to par with their taxes.

Discussion regarding chairman rotation
We'll need to see if any members are available to accept this position. Mr. Neault has no problem being chairman for another 4 months. This would leave him in as chairman until January 2012.

John O'Leary made a motion to adjourn meeting. Kenneth Cleveland 2nd the motion. William Neault; Carrie Worthington; Heath Grimes; Kenneth Cleveland; and John O'Leary all voted in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Worthington
Clerk

Correspondence Received:

MACC Quarterly Newsletter
Franklin Land Trust – News & Views