

**Town of Brookfield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
6 Central Street
Brookfield, MA 01506**

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Present:	Timothy Simon, Chairman	Guests:	Fred Kozyra
	Kenneth Cleveland		Ralph Butts
	Mike LaRocca		Jim Matteson
	John O' Leary, Jr.		Roger Mundell
	William Neault		
	Carrie Worthington, Clerk		

Absent: Heath Grimes

OLD BUSINESS:

Timothy Simon requested to delay meeting until 7:15 p.m.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Informal discussion about old business and upcoming projects were discussed.

Mr. Cleveland opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Fred Kozyra presented a plan to build a garage. It includes a paved pre-existing driveway which drops down approximately 12' x 15'.

The garage is to be built at corner of buffer zone. Mr. Neault suggested placing bails of hay.

Fred Kozyra wants to put silt fence. Mr. Simon stated to Mr. Kozyra to make sure to clean it up after and not just leave it there.

Fred Kozyra was instructed to get a Building Sequence Form from Jeff Taylor, building inspector.

Mr. Simon will check to make sure there are no endangered species issues.

There is no need for a Request for Determination at 5 Lawrence Cross, Brookfield, MA.

Mr. Cleveland asked if everyone was in agreement.

Timothy Simon made a motion to reassure no issues with Ralph Butts. There were none. Mr. Neault 2nd the motion.

Timothy Simon; John O'Leary, Jr.; Kenneth Cleveland; William Neault; and Mike LaRocca all voted in favor. The vote was unanimous.

7:28 p.m. – Roger Mundell, 52 South Maple St., Brookfield, MA 01506

Mr. Mundell presented plans for proposal pond. It will be approximately a 50' circle; with a depth of 10'; and an intermittent stream. His purposes are for farming and maybe get some cows.

The stream bed down below is approximately 500' away.

Mr. O'Leary, Jr. suggested moving up the hill.

Mr. Simon stated he needs time to figure out how to permit such a project. The plans will be filed for time being.

Mr. Simon and Kenneth Cleveland want to do a site visit. Mr. Mundell gave them permission for anytime. Mr. Mundell is available during the day.

Jim Matteson – 56 Long Hill Road, Brookfield, MA 01506 – Fence issue

He would like to construct a 200' fence. He has farm animals. He's building compost with farm animal manure which changes to dirt after time. He has a 6' chain link fence which won't be removed.

Conservation Commission will file plan in Mr. Matteson's file.

Discussion with Mr. Matteson determined there are no issues that we know of. In the future he will come to the Conservation Commission before doing anything.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kenneth Cleveland announced he will be meeting with Cindy (Highway Dept.) and the D.E.P. regarding widening Quaboag St. and try to get a grant for the project.

Anne Gobi has been contacted regarding the clearing of culverts. Also, people are writing letters about the changes in the width of Quaboag St. throughout the years.

Mr. Simon is donating MACC Environmental Handbook to the Conservation Commission. It will be in our file cabinet.

We have received a complaint about trees at 52 Allen Road. There has been cutting near wetlands area.

Discussion about D.E.P. letter dated June 19, 2007. Mr. Timothy Simon presented information from the Department of Environmental Protection. They have stated they no longer can afford the time to file Certificate of Compliance,

Public Hearing Notices and Extensions. Only send Orders of Conditions (including Emergency Orders & Determinations).

Conservation Commission member appointments are up as of June 2012 for the following members: John O'Leary, Jr., William Neault, and Mike LaRocca.

The Governor's budget has \$1,500,000 for wildlife habitat purchase in line item

A letter to Timothy Simon, from Anne Gobi – dated 2-7-2012 2310-0316 that is an increase of \$500,000 over last year. The House Budget will be coming out mid May. I will do what I can to advocate for necessary funding.

Thanks for all the work you and the Conservation Commission do.

Anne

Timothy Simon has a Generic Highway Department Order of Conditions. Natural Heritage wants a list of culverts for working dates, also, to see if culverts overlay each other.

William Neault made a motion to adjourn meeting. John O'Leary, Jr. 2nd the motion. All in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Worthington, Clerk