

Town of Brookfield Conservation Commission

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Timothy Simon William Neault Mike LaRocca Carrie Hazelton, Clerk Kenneth Cleveland	<u>ABSENT:</u>	Heath Grimes John O'Leary, Jr.
		<u>GUESTS:</u>	Scott D. Charpentier, P.E. Leonard Engineering, Inc. Dan Flynn

Mike LaRocca opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MACC – past due \$110 for membership dues.

Mike made a motion to pay past due bill of \$110. Timothy Simon 2nd the motion.

Timothy Simon; William Neault; Mike LaRocca; Kenneth Cleveland; and Carrie Hazelton all voted in favor. Vote was unanimous

XIBEXA - bill for printer & ink \$103.

Mike LaRocca made a motion to pay bill of \$103. William Neault 2nd the motion.

Timothy Simon; William Neault; Mike LaRocca; Kenneth Cleveland; and Carrie Hazelton all voted in favor. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:18 P.M. SAW MILL POND DAM PROJECT

Scott D. Charpentier presented a proposal of dam project.

The proposal consists of the following:

- Replacing pipes and catch basins – catch basins are failing causing depressions.
- Down stream slopes due to stone wall deficiency. Plans will include armoring. Removing wall and making a slope.
- Corrugated pipe needs a framed slide gate

Roadway run-off will go into catch basins. Proposal also includes asphalt curb/catch basins/ and sumps for discharge above the water elevation. Extend retaining walls by 5'

in each direction to support the slope. Constructing end posts. Concrete wall 4' deep/3' above making the wall 7' x 5'.

Office of Dam Safety will issue permit, when specific requirements are completed pre-construction meeting and 50% construction completion.

The bridge was rebuilt in 1956 after the 1955 flood.

Timothy Simon asked if the cost of this project will be brought up at the annual town meeting. The repairs seem to be fairly simple.

Mr. Simon wants to have a vote on proposed project. He states it may be ecologically best to remove the dam.

Mr. Simon made a motion to have Leonard Engineering remove the dam.

Mike LaRocca thinks this should have been brought up before this stage in the project.

Mr. Simon reminded him this project began with different selectmen in office.

Mr. Simon stated Beth Lambert was contacted by River Ways & Restorations and they focused only on removal of dam or do no nothing.

Mr. Simon questioned which would be cheaper; repairs or removal.

Mr. Scott Charpentier presented an R.P. (Request for Proposal) Phase 2. Phase 2 looks at the whole problem. He stated dam removal is costly. He suggested removing sediment or stabilizing it.

Mr. Simon asked if Phase 2 includes borings allowing the replacing and repairing the dam.

The discussion ended at this time.

Mr. Simon made a motion to have a vote on repairs or removal. After discussion the vote was nay for removal. It was 0-4 against removal.

Mr. Simon stated armoring could be a bad option. It screws up ecology of upstream. He questioned if velocity of water will be affected.

Mr. Simon asked Mr. Scott Charpentier if the down-stream bend towards the left on plans presented at the meeting tonight is beyond the endpoint of the proposed project. If it isn't, he would like large rocks to stabilize erosion.

The discussion ended.

Mr. Kenneth Cleveland made a motion to accept plans as proposed. William Neault 2nd the motion.

Mr. Charpentier will be discussing with highway superintendent any issues that arise.

The public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

An Order of Conditions will be ready for our next meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2013 scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

7:58 p.m. – Dan Flynn (Representing) – Clear Creek Realty Trust

Mr. Flynn attended meeting as a representative for Mr. David Solomon in order to resolve issues. A major issue at hand is the road is washing away.

Mr. William Neault had an outline of Order of Conditions listed in order of priority.

1. raise and adjust manhole covers
2. finish grade on tar
3. install guard rails

Kenneth Cleveland, Timothy Simon, and William Neault will do a site visit with Mr. Flynn.

There will be no new Order of Conditions needed. Mr. Flynn will be working from the Enforcement Order. The Enforcement Order is based on the old Order of Conditions.

Solomon has held this property for the past couple years. Although it is known as Clear Creek Realty.

Kenneth Cleveland stated Mr. Flynn needs to go before the Planning Board.

Mr. Flynn agreed to meet with Timothy Simon, William Neault, and Kenneth Cleveland. They will try to meet with the Planning Board to avoid anymore delays.

DISCUSSION: Proposed by-law for Quaboag Lake

The Conservation Commission will approach the selectmen regarding by-law proposal.

The proposed by-law for Quaboag Lake is as follows:

1. Vehicles (cars) and trucks prohibited from the ice except for emergency vehicles
2. No speeding. Speed limits on the ice for powered vehicles are:
 - A. 10 MPH for motorcycles
 - B. 45 MPH for snowmobiles and ATV's
 - C. 5 MPH for all powered vehicles near shore (150 feet)
3. No littering or polluting of ice is permitted
 - A. No fires on ice allowed unless built in a metal container which must be removed, with its ashes, from the ice at the end of the day
 - B. No wood, partially burnt wood, or debris can be left on the ice

C. No bottles, cans, or trash, etc. can be left on ice

The Brookfield Police, the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the Brookfield Conservation Commission have the authority to enforce these By-Laws.

Violators may face up to a \$100 fine for the first offense; a \$200 fine for the second offense; and a \$2,500 bond to ensure clean-up of pond.

The Conservation Commission members with ice vehicles will monitor ice derby conditions. A copy of the rules will be handed out prior to the icy derby event.

The solar panels project at the town landfill is going forward. Kenneth Cleveland took measurement to buffer zone and there are no issues.

Kenneth Cleveland made a motion to adjourn meeting. William Neault 2nd the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Our next scheduling meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Hazelton

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Clerk