

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were:

Dennis Adams, Chairperson
Karen Berger, V-Chairperson
Susan Riblett
Diane Richeson
George Smith
Dave Ryder
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the November 7, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Communications Received

Letter from Tim Keef, Commissioner of Public Works, dated November 30, 2017, regarding town tree removals.

4. Presentations

Sherry Kraus with revisions to possible amendments to the Town's Forestry Plan to protect town trees from possible removal due to the promotion and effectiveness of residential rooftop solar panels.

The Board will review her recommended amendments and discuss them and other possible amendments to the Town's Forestry Plan at its next meeting.

5. Project Reviews

12P-021-17 1840 Winton Road South

– No comment.

12P-02-17 1925 South Clinton Avenue

Presented by Paul Colucci, DiMarco Group and Garth Winterkorn, Costich Engineering

– All previous comments appear to have been adequately addressed.

6. EMC Report

No report.

7. Staff Report

No report.

8. Green Report

Dandelion Company, a green energy company, is promoting a geothermal energy program to Brighton residents.

9. New Business

Upon Sara Rubin's resignation, the Board would like to thank and recognize her time, dedication and many contributions to the Conservation Board during her tenure.

Discussion was held regarding the Canal Vegetation Management Plan to remove trees along the canal embankment. The Board voted to co-sign a letter drafted by the Sustainability Oversight Committee in opposition to the plan as proposed.

10. Old Business

The Board will forward proposed amendments from Sherry Kraus to the Town Board regarding potential conflicts between Chapter 175 (Tree Protection Ordinance) and Chapter 207, Article IX (Solar Energy Systems). The amendments to the Town's Forestry Plan provide protection of town trees from possible removal due to the promotion and effectiveness of residential rooftop solar panels.

The Board will continue discussing other possible amendments to the Forestry Plan at its January 9, 2018 meeting.

11. Tree Council Review

205 Dunrovin Lane

34" Norway maple

The Tree Council reviewed the tree evaluation report and visited the site. The Council is in agreement with the evaluation and supports the removal of the identified tree. As recommended, the Board agrees that replacement trees should be planted at the removal site.

Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **January 9, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 12/27/2017