

**Town of Chesterfield
Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024**

Present – Bayard Tracy, Brad Roscoe, Dan Syvertsen, Richard Mellen and Selectboard Rep Judy Idelkope.

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM

Bayard requested to attend via phone for health reasons. Richard made a motion to approve Bayard attended by phone, Dan seconded. Passed unanimously by roll call.

Review of Minutes

Richard made a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, seconded by Bayard. Passed unanimously by roll call.

Natural Resources Inventory

Bruce Jacobs and Jeff Littleton shared information about an inventory done through the Conservation Commission of natural resources around Town. The goal is to have a better understanding of what is happening and share that with the whole community.

There are 4 watersheds in the Town (all connected to the Conn. River), the Ashuelot River, the Catsbane Brook, Wheelock Brook and Partridge Brook, which flows out of Spofford Lake.

Discussion ensued with Bruce and Jeff about the need to identify sources for phosphorus that appear to be coming from the watershed.

Water Testing Plan

Chris explained the water testing plan that was run over the last couple of years and showed that we have data that points to new areas needed for testing to identify the sources of phosphorus.

Chris recommended the following for the 2024 Water Testing Plan:

- Eliminate
 - Clarkdale Pipe WS
 - Shield's Inlet
 - Ware's Grove NE Inlet WS
 - Ware's Grove Inlet Watershed
 - Galka Cove
- Add
 - Old County Road Drainage Ditches North and South
 - Test near 855 Route 63 (Brattleboro Row)
 - Camp Spofford Watershed 2
 - Test on Maple Road near Prospect Street
 - Moose Hollow Watershed 2
 - Access for testing from the extension of Pinnacle Springs

Consensus was reached that these changes make sense for the purpose of pursuing more information from the watershed.

Conversation returned to Jeff and Bruce about partnering with the Conservation Commission and how their work can be supported. The need for volunteers and increasing community involvement will be most helpful initially.

Bayard discussed the possibility of the SLA purchasing a buoy for the Lake to expand water testing capabilities. The cost of the buoy would be included in the SLA's water testing total costs which half of those costs would be reimbursed by the Town, up to \$5,000.

319 Grant/Boat Launch Work

Bayard provided pictures of the work done for the drainage of the Boat yard. Pictures showed a drainage pipe and the work done thus far. The problem being faced is the drainage pipe was not part of the scope of work with the 319 grant. It appears that the design and the work has left the project unfinished and it may not work as designed.

Consensus was reached that the committee does not have anything to add at this point, and it is recommended that more conversation needs to happen between the parties involved to determine who (if any) has responsibility to correct the issue.

NH Lakes Meeting

The meeting is June 6. Anyone can attend. Brad and Richard are going this year. Joe Hanzalik (from the SLA) is also going.

Additional Member

Maria Potter has expressed interest in joining the committee. She could not attend this week because of travel. Richard made a motion to recommend her to the Selectboard, seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other Business

Brad was invited to share at a DES webinar to present what the committee accomplished over the last year.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously by roll call. Next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Signature



Brad Roscoe
Chairman