

**Town of Chesterfield
Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2024**

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

Absent - Marie Elena Potter

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Review of Minutes

Bayard made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, seconded by Richard. Minor edits were made. Passed unanimously.

Driveway Permit

The committee followed up on the conversation around driveway modifications and permitting requirements. Minor edits were made.

Bayard made a motion to accept the changes as amended. Seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously. Brad will send the recommendations to the Selectboard and Code Enforcement Office.

Changes to Zoning Ordinances

Brad shared a new recommendation for providing language to the zoning handbook to update the ordinances around the protected streams and rivers.

The goal of this ordinance is to add a level of enforcement to what is already written in Zoning Ordinance 29. Some of the changes Brad made came after talking to the Town lawyer and include:

- reducing the area from 250 feet to 50 feet
- adding a permit by notification process
- adding a rebuttal process through the Zoning Board of Adjustment if the Town or abutters cannot agree

Minor edits were made to the section on fertilizers and pesticides. A final copy was reviewed.

Bayard made a motion to submit the latest version to the Selectboard and Planning Board. Brad will also send copies to the Conservation Commission and Code Enforcement office.

The committee then reviews a sample permit application that goes along with the ordinance. Suggestions and edits were made by the committee. It will also be shared with the Selectboard and Planning Board.

Water Quality Update

Nothing new to report at this time.

Boat Ramp Update

The new culvert has been installed and is now complete. The Selectboard is continuing to work with the boat ramp committee in preparation for the repairs to be completed. The Lake level is 17 inches below normal level, and the last board of the dam will remain in at this time.

Pinnacle Springs Update

Richard provided an update that FB Environmental is moving forward with contacting landowners and making plans that could be used at future times to reduce stormwater runoff

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Signature



Brad Roscoe
Chairman