

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2013**

Present: Tom Duston, Chairman; Lynne Borofsky, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Pam Walton, Steve Hardy (arrived at 7:40 PM) and Amy LaFontaine.

1). Visitors – Jeff Scott stated that the bicyclists are still using Friedsam. The trail has been widened and the archway has been cut down. Tom will ask them to come to the meeting and make their case for using the Forest for bicycles. The Commission can close the trail for bicycles.

2). Kathy moved to approve December 10th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve. Tom stated that he was reprimanded by the Monadnock Conservancy as a landowner was told that the Commission was going to put a shelter on their land for camping. This is not what was said at the last meeting. Tom stated that the Commission can use Non-Public Sessions discuss issues of reputation, land price and negotiation and employee matters. Jon stated that Public Meeting Laws were being scrutinized around the State right now. The minutes were approved as amended.

3). Permits and Complaints-

- A). Travis Davenport was an incomplete application for a Septic System.
- B). Arthur Post – Complete Forestry Notification 2013-00128. As of January 1st, DES will no longer grant amendments for wetlands impact minimum forestry.
- C). Marilyn George – PBN on Tyler Road is still in process.
- D). Karen & Darlene Davenport – PBN
- E). Thomas & Patricia Dreyer – 2007-02818 Notice of Compliance
- F). Tal and Darlene Rancourt – PBN 7 Kenyon Way next to Town Beach on North Shore Road for stone wall, stone patio, rain garden and new ground cover plantings. Jon is checking with the Town to see where the notification is as the Town is an abutter to the property.

4). Grants, Events – Lynne is organizing an event for March 2nd. Lynne will look up the PSNH mini grant for a kiosk and maps during the 3rd week of February.

5). Spofford Lake Report – Pam reported that the SLA has signed a contract with Jeff Littleton. Letters have been sent out to property owners on the lake. Jeff will begin field work next week through October. Jeff is working on mapping watershed also.

6). Website – Jeff is working on getting a bulletin board up on the new site.

7). Trail Stewards, Trail Development & Land Projects –

- A). The Commission is fully approved to manage Friedsam Forest. Tom will be working on the bicyclist issue.

B). Tom is working on an adopt-a-trail program. Jeff asked to see a copy of the adopter handbook from the white mountains.

C). Lynne took a trip to Kilburn Trail Head to Beal's Road. The Southwoods Trail has been destroyed by Beavers. It took 4 hours to get around.

8). Report from Selectmen- The Selectboard has completed the Budget Process down .2% from last year.

9). Public Comment – There was a discussion about the duty of care RSA 212:34 that states land owner has no liability for injuries if land is in current use except in circumstances of gross negligence such as booby traps or charging a fee. John Caveney stated that it is legal to post your current use property against trespassing. There is an additional 20% reduction in taxes if you allow non-motorized recreational use of your property. John Caveney also talked about Maine's liability law, which states that if you file a suit for injuries and you lose that the loser pays all legal expenses for both parties. This is currently being worked on for New Hampshire.

10). The next meeting will be February 25th. Steve will be the Chair. Kathy moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Tom Duston
Chairman

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