

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

Present: Kathy Thatcher, Chairman; Lynne Borofsky, Jeff Newcomer, Tom Duston, David Wood and Steve Hardy

**1). Mail** – Bill for NH Association of Conservation Commission 2013 dues

2). Jeff moved to approve September 24<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

**3). Complaints** – Tom reported that the Friends of Pisgah has filed a complaint against the State of NH for logging. The original funding for Pisgah Park does not include a plan for logging.

**4). Events** –

A). There were 32 people for the trail opening yesterday. It was a 6 hour hike. There was a reception held at Luca's for a pasta dinner after.

B). There was a bridge installed in Hines Meadow, by Bob and Nancy Miller, Normand Comptois, Bob Parisi, Wayne Dingman, Kim Nielsen and Ray Egan. There is a cover on the stringers which will help prevent the bridge from eroding. The water is very deep at the crossing.

C). Kathy & Lynne will be hosting a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders next Monday in Friedsam Forest for an hour. Lynne noted that there are no signs on Audrey's Meander. The cost for a bus would be prohibitive to traveling further away.

D). The Commission hired Maple Hill Nursery to purchase 3 trees for the 250th Anniversary. There is a committee for planning planting at the center of Town. Barbara Girs was going to contact the Extension Service. Bob Brockmann presented a map showing trees that are already planted. Three trees every year for 10 years would be in excess of \$22,000. The Commission is in support, but would like a little more guidance.

**5). Spofford Lake** –

A). David passed around the decision for the Spofford Lake Comprehensive Lake Inventory.

B). David suggests that the Town adopt a policy that if the lake host is present the Town requires the boat to be inspected. David will get the name of the Town that uses this policy.

C). David submitted his resignation as he is moving out of Town. Tom moved that Pam Walton be recommended as the replacement for David. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

**6). Website** – Jeff is looking for content to be posted about the hike. Jeff will post the pictures and Lynne will send a write-up on the hike. Information should be posted about

the Comprehensive Lake Inventory and the Invasive Species Workshop. Tom will send a write-up about the completion of the Colony Project.

**7). Tools** – Steve is recommending a Husqvarna at the cost of \$279 for the Commission. The Commission would like to purchase an extra gas can and a chain. The Commission would like to purchase some other tools as well. These items can come out of the budget.

**8). Trail Stewards, Trail Development and Land Projects –**

A). Tom recognized that Town Employees Carol, Rick and Bart are always extremely helpful to the Commission.

B). The Conservancy might share the cost of the bridge and the bus.

C). Trash on the Lower end of the California Brook Road.

D). The Brattleboro Historical Society promised to redo the poster at Madame Sherri's. The Commission needs to work on the kiosk.

**9). Selectman's Report** – Ruth reported that the Catsbane Brook has finally been cleaned out after 5 years. Jon McKeon previously requested information about the permitting process from Tom. Tom stated that this was the first time he had been consulted about the project.

**10). Other –**

A). Kathy has some receipts for maps at Madame Sherri's. This should come out of supplies. Tom also has receipts for supplies.

B). Ruth asked that the monies being spent on the Comprehensive Lake Inventory and the Lake Host Program should be brought up at Town Budget. Ruth also asked about reinstating the summer informational session; and about passing out literature concerning issues on the lake. Parks & Rec, Spofford Lake Association and the Commission should work together to educate people about the lake.

11). Our next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Lynne will be the Chair. The next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. Tom will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

Approved:

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Kathy Thatcher  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_