

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2012**

Present: David Wood, Chairman; Tom Duston, Lynne Borofsky, Kathy Thatcher, Jon McKeon, Steve Hardy (arrived at 7:38 PM) and Amy LaFontaine

David called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

- 1). Visitors – Martini – 2012-00058 Doug Foster was present to discuss 16 acres that have been clear cut and stumped across Route 9 (Map 11B, Lot 14A). A skidder has crossed a stream that tributes to Spofford Lake. No proper barriers have been set to protect the wetland. A complaint has been filed by the Town for violation of terrain. Kathy has called DES and the site is on their list to inspect.
- 2). Mail – Louise Rath has submitted a donation of \$250 to the Monadnock Conservancy in honor of the Conservation Commission and the work done to complete the California Brook Project. Lynne will send a thank-you note
- 3). Permits, Complaints, etc –
 - A). Dave Thomas – 2012-00629 Approved April
 - B). State of NH Liquor Commission – AOT 038 Alteration of Terrain
 - C). Charles Donahue – 040870029 Driveway Permit Approved
 - D). Hubner - Letter of Closure for LOD fire pond on Dam on the Hubner Property
 - E). Tom asked if Kathy had gotten in touch with the property owner on Route 9 that has the pond in front of the house. The neighbor has thrown lots of stuff on the banking that could damage the pond. The property owner should be encouraged to file a complaint.
- 4). Lynne moved to approve March 28th minutes as amended. David hopes that the June meeting can be moved to the 28th to coincide with the presentation about the Shoreland Protection Act. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously. The Commission discussed the changes to February 15th minutes. The definition of the buffer has been changed and Ryan Owens has a Purchase & Sales agreement between the buyer and the seller.
- 5). Grants, Events –
 - A). Lynne will purchase 5 mailboxes to be decorated by the school. Two for Friedsam and 1 at the corner of Anne Stokes Loop plus 2 extras.
 - B). Tom and Lynne met with a group at Antioch the day after the last meeting.
 - C). Conservation Leadership Training will be June 7th. Jeff is scheduled to attend.

D). The Commission has been approached about planting more trees in front of the Town Hall. The Commission agreed no further planting should take place until a landscape plan has been approved.

E). The Commission will meet at the next work session of the Friends of Pisgah to work on the Mountain Laurel in Bear Mountain.

6). Spofford Lake Report – David presented the final draft of the letter to be mailed to property owners on the Lake. Lake Host program has been partially funded by NH Lakes. NH Lakes contributed \$4,000; the CCC contributed \$5,000 and Lake Association contributed \$5,000. Over \$14,000 in funding will provide over 1,000 hours of assistance.

7). Tools – Steve reported that the Transfer Station has been servicing the equipment in the trailer. Tom has the loppers. Tom will meet Steve on Thursday morning at the trailer. Steve suggested a combination lock that everyone will remember. Lynne will e-mail Debbie to see if there is another chain saw.

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

1). Bar on the locked Gate has been cut.

2). There were 2 work crews last Saturday. Signs are up on Daniels Mtn.

3). There is a group interested in creating a trail from Quabbin to Cardigan Mtn, using Metacomet Monadnock Trail & Monadnock-Sunapee & Kearsage Loop. The meeting will be held on May 2nd.

9). Selectmen – Jon reported that a bid has been approved for the NH Liquor Store. The Keene/Chesterfield line has been perambulated. Steve volunteered for the Winchester/Chesterfield line.

10). Meeting Schedule – the Next Meeting will be May 21st. Jeff will be Chair. The June meeting will be changed to Thursday June 28th to coincide with the Spofford Lake Association Presentation. The meeting will be at 6. The presentation at 7 at the Town Hall.

11). Other – Bill Vogeley wanted to point out that the Conservation Commission was formed in Town for protection of Ware’s Grove. Bill’s Eagle Scout project was the Friedsam Parking Lot on Route 63. Tom mentioned there have been several additional Eagle Scout Projects in Town.

12). Adjournment – Tom moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM the motion was seconded by Lynne and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved: _____
David Wood

Date: _____