

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2012**

Present: Tom Duston, Chairman; David Wood, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Steve Hardy, Jon McKeon, Seleboard Representative (arrived at 6:20 PM); Lynne Borofsky (arrived at 6:22 PM) and Amy LaFontaine

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

- 1). Visitors were recognized.
- 2). Mail – the Voss Signs Invoice will be submitted to the Town Offices for payment.
- 3). Jeff moved to approve the May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. David pointed out that a complaint had been filed with DES including the lack of an alteration of terrain permit for clear cutting and destumping nearly 16 acres. DES had not visited the site as of 3 weeks ago. DES has sent notification that a complaint has been received.
- 4). No New permits, or outstanding permits, complaints, etc.
- 5). Grants, Events – A). The Commission has received a grant from the Cheshire County Conservation District for the purpose of invasive removal in Friedsam Forest. The grant is \$3,000. The work will be done by Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological, LLC. Jeff was the author of the NRI. Lynne and Kathy first met him at as the professor of a tree identification workshop at Keene State. Jeff should attend the next meeting and discuss his plan with the Commission. Kathy will talk to him about the Buckthorn and the Japanese Barberry.  
B). Tom reported that there would likely be a trail opening in the fall from Pisgah to Keene.
- 6). Spofford Lake Report – David is proposing the Commission jointly with the Lake Association undertake a Comprehensive Lake Inventory. The CCC contribution would likely be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Jeff Littleton would be studying the slopes and soils around Spofford Lake. David will bring the proposal to the next meeting.  
The Spofford Lake Association has taken water samples from the Lake along with Parks & Rec. David presented a study where points are assigned that show the Susceptibility value. Spofford lake is 63 out of 100. David felt the lake was at risk as there is Milfoil in the CT River less than 10 miles away.
- 7). No new information for the website or tools. The chainsaw is still missing. It may have been broken. Steve felt it would be worthwhile for the Commission to purchase a new light chainsaw.

8). Trail Development & Land Projects – A). Tom stated that lots of work had been completed on the Bear Mountain Connector. He believes that he has found a person to work on the trail.

B). Tom will bring a proposal to the next meeting for an adopt a trail program as the trail stewards idea has not worked out.

C). C&S Management Training Program has volunteered 30 people to work on trails for a day on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

9). Selectboard Report – A). Jon reported that the easement had been signed last night on the Colony Property Agreement.

B). Jon asked the Commission to be wary of holding meetings via e-mail. Information can be sent to the secretary for distribution to the Commission for discussion at meetings. Do not use reply all as this can be considered a meeting.

C). Jon stated that the Selectboard is working on having all volunteers sign a liability waiver for the Town. The workers for the old town office building had signed a release. Lynne asked Jon to keep the school students in mind when requiring this release. Jon stated that volunteers for the Extreme Home Makeover had to be over 18. This is something the Selectboard is still working on.

10). Other – The next meeting will be August 27<sup>th</sup>. Lynne will be the Chair. Steve will be the Chair for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy will be the Chair on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Amy will start sending the draft minutes once they are completed so the Commission has longer than a couple of days to review them.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

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Tom Duston  
Chairman

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