

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2015**

Present: Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Tom Duston, Lynne Borofsky, Pam Walton, Kathy Thatcher, Greg Hammett and Amy LaFontaine

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Communication –

A). Lynne reported that Lew Shelley has left the Student Conservation Association and was going into business for himself.

B). There is a resident in Dublin concerned about road salt in water bodies. Pam will be in touch.

C). Bob Brockmann is putting brochure together for Economic Development Committee including the acreage of public land.

D). Lara Bryant, Professor at KSC, says her students could work on projects.

E). Emily Lord, NHACC and Forest Society, wants to use Chesterfield Gorge kiosk photo in brochure credit needs to go to Partridge Brook Reflections.

F). Invasive Species Workshop and Salamander Brigades tomorrow night at the library from SWRPC taught by Steve Roberge and Amy Thielen.

Minutes – Tom moved to approve February 23rd as amended. The motion was seconded by Pam and passed unanimously.

New Permits – Brickstone Land Use Consultants, LLC – Live Free GS Precision Realty, LLC on Mill Road application and addendum. This has been to Planning Board for Conceptual Consultation. The application is 54,000 square feet manufacturing to create a 7,100 square fire pond out of the wetlands. There are 160 proposed parking spaces. Traffic Studies have been done. Jon reported that they want to put in a cul-de-sac and take road back from the Town. It is in Commercial Zoning. The Commission has 30 days to respond to standard dredge and fill. Lynne suggested looking at a water study done previously. The addendum is wetlands plantings. Kathy will contact DES for guidance.

Grants, Events -

A). The March snowshoe did not happen. Lynne wants to work with Greg to get more family participation at events.

B). The Quabban to Cardigan grants are due by April 15th. There are several projects still outstanding.

C). Lynne is presenting a grant writing workshop on May 12th.

Lake- Ice is finally moving. The Commission hopes SLA will have contact with sponsors of Fishing Derbies to get boats checked for invasives prior to launching.

Website – Jeff discussed links being left on the guest page.

Trail Development & Land Projects –

A). Tom discussed the Forest Society and their guidelines for managing Madame Sherri.

B). Tom moved to support Winchester Conservation Commission in opposition to the Pipeline. The motion was seconded by Kathy. The Commission thanked Tom for his thoughts and research. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the statement. The Commission will seek support from the Selectboard.

Selectboard –

A). Jon discussed electronic meeting rules. There are limited reasons for a public body to go into Non-public session. The Commissions primary use would be for privacy matters regarding land acquisition. Never use reply all for e-mails.

B). Jon reported that a new Selectman was elected at the Town Meeting.

C). Jay Van Stechelma is also interested in serving as an alternate to the CCC.

D). There is a conference on May 2nd that the Selectboard is encouraging all members of Boards and Commissions to attend.

Other –

A). Kathy & Lynne met with Travis Davenport in Friedsam regarding the Snowmobile Trail. There are 3 locations that need work. Lynne thought this would be 2 to 3 year project.

B). The next meeting will be May 11th. Steve will be the Chair. The following meeting will be June 22nd. Kathy will be the Chair. The next meeting will be August 24th. Pam will be the Chair.

C). Lynne presented the Brattleboro Area Map & Guide as template for trails in Chesterfield that could be created by KSC student volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Jeff Newcomer
Chairman

Date: _____