

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2016**

Present: Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Pam Walton, Greg Hammett, Norm VanCor, Selectboard Representative; Amy LaFontaine, Secretary and Lynne Borofsky (arrived at 7:50 PM)

Pam moved to approve April 25th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Greg and passed unanimously.

Permits, Complaints –

A). Notice of incomplete PBN Application #2016-01329 Peter Cooper-Ellis and Sarah Weck dated May 16th for a dock permit on the Catsbane. DES is looking for a notification to the Local Management Advisory Committee for the CT River and water depths to prove the need for an “L” Shaped dock.

B). Notice of incomplete PBN Application #2016-01109 Christian McCauley 14 Naumaschaug Landing can't use a seasonal canopy on a PBN dated April 26th.

C). David Gale Land Resource Management File 2016-00347 alleged complaint of possible violations notice dated May 20, 2016.

Website – Nothing new to report

Grants, Events – The Commission will be co-hosting a hike from Pisgah to Keene on October 22nd. Antioch and the Conservancy will also be co-hosting.

Spofford Lake Report –

A). Pam moved to expend \$6,000 out of the Conservation Fund to support the Milfoil Prevention Program at the lake. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously. This is the same amount as last year.

B). Pam reported that Eastwood Properties, LLC has been clear cutting on the lake. Norm stated that the Selectboard has been heavily involved as well and are seeking an independent engineer to look at pervious and impervious surfaces as well as erosion control. All the original documents should be found in the property file.

Trail Development & Land Projects –

A). Tom and Lynne met with Travis Davenport last week about the snowmobile trail in Friedsam. He will remove the old bridge and move debris further off the trail. He was made aware of the blocked culvert and Tom and Lynne have agreed to help the snowmobile club meet with the Church. Wheeled vehicles are not permitted in Friedsam.

B). Lew Shelley has completed the sign for the Upper Lot in Freidsam. He will be looking for assistance to install it in the next couple of weeks. The bill needs to be paid out of contracted services.

C). Lynne reported that there will be a work session from Bartlett Road to California Road on the Keene Connector. Meet at the South end of Old Swanzey Road at 8:30 AM on June 18th, National Trails Day.

D). Madame Sherri overflow parking is moving forward. Anne Stokes has made a video stating her intent to donate the property for the overflow parking. Tom Hannah, Dave Bergeron, David and

Wellsley Mann and the Planning Board have been discussing this project. The Commission is interested in donating money from the fund to pay for Wellsley Mann to work on the survey.

E). Trailwrights have completed some of the work near the Ravine Bridge on the Sargent Trail in Friedsam. There is more flooding in the corner. Greg will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Selectboard –

A). There was a lengthy discussion about the role/authority of the Commission in the building permit process. The Selectboard would like to see more local control and authority for enforcement lie with the Commission as opposed to the State. The Commission can make recommendations but approval/disapproval is not part of the RSA's for Conservation Commissions. There had been discussions previously about the Code Enforcement Officer being a wetlands scientist.

B). Norm presented information about Hobblebush.

Public Comment – John Koopmann spoke about his experience with wetlands violations in Town.

Adjournment – The meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

June 27th; Tom will be the Chair

August 29th; Greg will be the Chair

September 26th; Lynne will be the Chair

October 24th; Steve will be the Chair

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Jeff Newcomer
Chairman

Date: _____