

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

Present: Kathy Thatcher, Chairman; Tom Duston, Lynne Borofsky, Norm VanCor, Selectboard Representative and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

Visitors – The Snowmobile Club was present. Lynne met with the Minister this weekend regarding the remarked trail. The Minister would like a map to take to the Church Board showing the rerouted trail. The Commission would be willing to write a letter stating that the Club has permission to use the trails in Friedsam and have worked with the Commission for a long time. Permission for the Club to use the Church Property benefits the Town as natural resources will be protected. The intended purpose is for winter use only.

Tom moved to approve January 23, 2017 as amended. The motion was seconded by Lynne and passed unanimously.

The Commission will be at a Wetlands Identification and Permitting Workshop at the Keene Library at 6 PM on March 27. The Commission meeting will follow at the Town Offices at 8:30 PM.

New Permits – Tom went to Zoning Board to discuss a change in the application process for the Conservation Commission regarding wetlands at the Zoning and Planning Board.

Grants, Events – The Commission would like to organize a family event sometime in April.

Trail Development & Land Projects –

A). There are 2 new Trail Stewards. Alicia LaCross for Indian Pond to Mt Wantastiquet and Gary Montgomery for Daniels Mtn Loop.

B). There is land eligible to be considered for a Conservation Easement next year.

C). There are 2 sections of Trail left to complete for the Keene to Wantastiquet Trail. Tom has been in touch with Friends of Pisgah, Monadnock Conservance, Antioch New Englad, Horatio Colony Trust, Keene Parks & Rec, Forest Society and Trails Bureau. Once the project is complete the Commission will only be responsible for a section of the Trail.

D). A photo from Colony Pond is on the cover of NHDES Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund. The Commission received over \$320,000 in grant money for Colony Pond and West Hill Project.

Selectboard – There are changes pending to the Zoning Ordinances to allow The Commission to comment on wetlands in Zoning and Planning applications.

Other – Kathy moved to approve January 23rd Non-public minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom. Norm advised that the Commission needs to state the reason for going into Non-public Session and vote by Roll Call. The purpose for going to Non-Public Session was land acquisition. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be March 27th at 8:30 PM. Pam will be the Chair. Lynne will be the Chair on April 24th and Tom will be the Chair on May 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Kathy Thatcher
Chairman

Date: _____