

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2016**

Present: Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Kathy Thatcher, Lynne Borofsky, Pam Walton, Norm VanCor, Selectboard Representative; and Amy LaFontaine

Tom Duston has submitted his resignation. The Commission is thinking of a way to honor him for all of his energy and effort.

Pam would be the next alternate to become a regular member.

Communication –

- A). Lynne has contacted Corey Shepherd to repair the Bridge in Friedsam.
- B). A tree has fallen in the overflow parking at Madame Sherri. John Herrick has removed it and the Ann Stokes foundation will pay for it.
- C). Tom is willing to work with the Commission member that takes over Trail Development and Land Projects.

New Permits – Joel Kinson, Hubner property – Kathy has signed off on the PBN to restore a man-made Dam. DES, Fish & Game, NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) are all working together. The project is expected to take a couple of years.

Permits, Complaints, etc –

- A). Eastwood Properties, LLC - 2017-00609 Shoreland Impact Permit approved with conditions 5/22/2017. The permit includes construction of a garage that was not on the plan. Pam will contact DES.
- B). Sarah Callahan – 2017-01325 Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Application approved with conditions 6/8/2017.
- C). Richard French – Complete Forestry Notification 2017-01632
- D). Procedure – Kathy pointed at that certain applications do not need to be signed off by the Commission. If the Commission chooses to intervene or if any changes are made a new application and a new check are required.

Planning, Zoning Applications – Approved by the Planning Board. A wetlands application will be coming.

Grants, Events – Kathy asked if the Commission is interested in having Kyle Lombard give a presentation about the health of Friedsam in the fall?

Spofford Lake Report – Lake is 5 ½ inches above normal summer level. Pam reported that there were 3 proposals submitted to Southwest Regional Development Committee for the Lake Management Program Pam felt that any of the three would be fine. Lynne reported that there was a house for sale on the lake that had been a constant enforcement issue.

Tools – The Commission is considering selling the brush hog. It was purchased in 1999 with grant funds.

Trail Development & Land Projects –

A). Lynne reported that the Keene Connector Trail will need to be remarked before it can be reopened from Logging. C&S did the marking the last time.

B). There is a tree down on Ancient Oaks

C). Lynne has contacted Rob Koning to repair the Ravine Bridge

D). The Commission is proposing to have a work session on the Daniels Mtn Trail in the fall.

Chris Hardy is the Trail Adopter.

E). The Route 63 Lot needs to be mowed.

F). The Commission needs to designate a person for Trail Development.

G). Maps – The Maps are gone in Friedsam.

Selectmen –

A). Proposed procedures submitted by the Selectmen. Jeff stated that this Commission is considered one of the best in NH. This Commission is used as a model and members make many presentations at Conservation Events. Jeff suggested the Selectboard and the Commission work together in the fall to create 3 or 4 mutually agreed upon goals. There would be a cost associated with any updates to the NRI or wetlands mapping. Lynne suggested an updated water study. The Commission evolved by doing Community outreach. Spofford Lake remains Milfoil Free and the Commission has been awarded several grants.

B). The Town has received an emergency authorization for North Shore Beach. The Selectboard will review engineering plans on Wednesday night. The retaining wall is non-conforming and there are no railings on the stairs.

C). Fireworks – The Town is looking to create an ordinance. The Commission is in agreement that none should be permitted over the lake.

D). Grant – Hopefully there will be another grant for erosion next year that will allow for in-kind services.

Public Comment – Jeff Scott stated that he was glad to see continued conversation between the Selectboard and the Commission.

Other – An appraisal has been received that may require a non-public session at a future meeting.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. Steve will be the Facilitator. The following meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup>. Kathy will be the Facilitator. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary