

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 30, 2018**

Present: Pam Walton, Facilitator; Kathy Thatcher, Lynne Borofsky, Jeff Newcomer, Steve Hardy and Alternate, Bruce Jacobs.

Monadnock Conservancy, Anne McBride, was present to discuss the Sommers property gift to the Town. The sale should be completed within a couple of weeks. The Monadnock Conservancy will be the Grantor and the Town will be the Grantee. The Conservancy will be responsible for enforcing restrictions and any modifications to the agreement. There is a historic cellar hole on the property. The Conservancy hired an Environmental Consultant; most of the debris has been removed except for bags of clay.

Jeff moved to approve the March 26th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Kathy. The Reception under Grants & Events free and open to the Public on April 12th was held at the Cheshire County Historical Society instead of the Old Keene Court House. The motion passed unanimously.

Communication –

A). Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) has contacted us looking for projects June, July and August. Lynne will contact them.

B). At 7 PM at the Art Museum in Brattleboro on May 1st there will be a presentation of the 50 Most Remarkable Trees.

C). Lynne thanked the Commission for their contributions to the hike on April 21st.

D). Lynne has been in touch with Ken Roberts who would like the supplemental parking lot at Madame Sherri to look more aesthetic from his property. Lynne will contact John Herrick to see what can be done.

E). Cherry Tree in Friedsam has been awarded NH Champion Status.

Zoning/Planning –

A). There is a site visit for the Margaret Bailey ZBA application at 16 Silverdale Ave on May 1st at 7 PM.

B). Mattingly will be coming before the ZBA, but has not been seen yet.

Permits, Complaints – Spofford Yacht Club has an application for removal of concrete slabs at the waterfront.

Spofford Lake Report – Steve moved to approve the withdrawal of \$6,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Milfoil Prevention Program at the Lake. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

Pam reported that the lake level is 14.5". Summer Level is 14"

Events –

A). May 3rd at 6 PM The Invasive Species Informational Meeting will be held at the Town Hall led by Doug Cygan.

B). The next Wantastiquet Mondanock hike will be May 12th meeting at Madame Sherri's at 10 AM. About 30 people attended the hike on April 21st.

C). There are no Grants being applied for at this time.

Trail Development & Land Projects – There are several trees down in Friedsam. Steve will get the larger ones on the Doug Sargent Trail. Jeff Scott said he will get the ones in Ancient Oaks.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be June 4th. Lynne will be the Facilitator. The following meeting will be June 25th, Steve will be the Facilitator. The next meeting will be August 27th; Bruce will be the facilitator. Jeff moved to adjourn at 9:09 PM. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Pam Walton
Facilitator