

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2018**

Present: Bruce Jacobs, Facilitator; Lynne Borofsky, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Alternates Susan Donahue and Kristin McKeon

Bruce and Kristin are the voting alternates.

Visitors – Stacy Cibula from the Monadnock Conservancy was present to discuss the Evans Property. It is 40 acres and has lots of Conservation Values. The soil is primarily Agricultural Soils. The cost of the easement is for the purpose of extinguishing development rights. There was an appraisal done in 2014. The Conservancy has applied for L-Chip funding. Kathy moved to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 from the Conservation Fund for the purchase of an easement on the Evans property. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously. Selectboard Approval and a Public Hearing will be required.

Minutes - Kathy moved to approve June 25th as amended. The motion was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.

Permits, Complaints –

- A). Kinson 2018-02042 removal of the dam continues.
- B). Judy Idelkope 2018-01933 Correction of Runoff from the Road 52 North Shore Rd.
- C). William Tucker – 2018-02233 Wetlands Expedited 17 South Shore Road.
- D). Anna & Gary Cutts – 2018-00514 Non-Site Specific 71 Horseshoe Road. The Driveway was approved prior to the Septic.
- E). Forestry Notifications – 1). David & Margaret Anderson 2018-02033 2). Edwin & Susan Dimec 2018-01932
- F). Anthony Martini – Kathy handed the file over to the Selectmen.
- G). Eastwood Properties, LLC – 2016-00752 Route 9A South Shore Road Dock.

Planning/Zoning –

- A). Mattingly – Variance approved with Conditions must replant native growth trees.
- B). Bailey – Denied after the fact

Spofford Lake – Lynne and Susan are the Members of Spofford Lake Association. The Grant is entering Phase II. 87% of the properties are considered problematic. Soil Coring is recommended.

Kathy suggested having Val Starbuck host an aquatic plant ID workshop.

Tools - The Commission discussed selling the Conservation Trailer. Where would the tools be stored? Is there a location for the trailer to be more easily accessed?

Grants/Events –

- A). Kathy will be hosting an Invasive Plants & Pollinators Information Booth at the Old Home Days on September 29th. She will not be able to attend if it is moved to the rain date of September 30th.
- B). Ravine Bridge in Friedsam would make a good Grant project for next year.

Land Projects – Otter Pond Project would be the cost of the deed transfer to the Town. The Environmental Site Assessment has not been done and is not recommended by the Monadnock Conservancy as it knows the history of the property.

Trail Development –

A). Lynne provided a list of the trail openings on the Monadnock-Wantastiquet Greenway. The next one is September 8th.

B). Kendra has adopted a portion of the Wantastiquet Trail.

C). Debris on the Roberts Property for the creation of the Madame Sherri adjunct parking lot still needs to be cleaned up.

D). VT Youth Conservation Coalition (YCC) worked for 3 days in the Madame Sherri Forest on the Mine Ledge Trail and 2 days on the Keene Connector. Lynne moved to expend available funds up to \$500 out of Contracted Services from the Commission Budget. The motion was seconded by Jeff. Research needs to be done on the Commission Budget. The motion passed unanimously. Donations will be coming from 2 other sources; The Monadnock Conservancy and Friends of Pisgah. The Commission had donated money in 2003 to the Friends of Pisgah for Joint Projects.

Public Comment – John Koopmann thanked Lynne for all her work this summer. He urged the Commission to become involved in the planning for Ware’s Grove and North Shore Beaches.

Other – Lynne proposed some changes to the agenda.

Permits & Complaints remain with Kathy & Pam.

Planning & Zoning from Kristin.

Spofford Lake Report from Susan

Trail Development from Lynne

Land Projects from Bruce

Bruce suggested that the Vice-Chair could be more day to day responsibility. The discussion about organization for the Rules of Procedure was tabled for the next meeting.

The next meetings will be as follows:

September 24 th	Jeff will be the Facilitator
October 22 nd	Kathy will be the Facilitator
December 3 rd	Kristin will be the Facilitator
January 28 th	

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Bruce Jacobs, Facilitator

Date: _____