

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2020**

Present: Kathy Thatcher, Facilitator; Pam Walton, Bruce Jacobs, Susan Donahue, Chris Oot, Fran Shippee, Selectboard Representative and Lynne Borofsky (arrived at 7:45 PM)

The meeting was called to order by Kathy at 7:35 PM

As Facilitator of the Chesterfield Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Committee is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means; We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and password 984 1251 2052 or by clicking on the following website address:

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b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the Town of Chesterfield website at: <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/>.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Bruce moved to approve the June 29th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Susan.

Susan, Bruce and Pam voted Yes. Kathy and Chris abstained. The motion passed by majority.

Permits, Complaints – new & outstanding none. Barb notifies Kathy when anything comes into the Town Offices.

Selectboard Report – The Board will be holding a Public Hearing for the Septic Wastewater Regulation on August 12th from 7 to 9 PM.

Pam moved to send a letter to the Board of Selectment stating that "Improperly working Septic Systems are a source of pollution to Spofford Lake. The Conservation Commission recommends the Septic Health Regulation before the Selectboard be approved." The motion was seconded by Bruce.

Pam, Susan, Bruce, Kathy and Lynne voted yes. The Statement passed unanimously.

Lynne asked about the Maibusch property? There is an excavator located within the shoreland.

Spofford Lake Report – The Commission discussed the pros & cons of keeping a lower summer level. It was asked if the lake was kept lower would malfunctioning septic systems have more or less of an impact?

The Lake is more than 700 acres. It was suggested to contact Lake Nubanusit to see if they have more stringent regulations around the lake. It was suggested that the Commission take on more of an educational effort to educate people using the lake than enforcement.

Ware's Grove inlet flowing in July when testing was done. The water level is 18" below the spillway.

Susan has a proposal for stabilization of parking area and planting of trees on her lakefront property. John Zannotti asked to see the report. He stated that the applicants before the Zoning Board uses the rain garden to create more pervious area. He was curious about the design and how much maintenance is required. Cheshire County Conservation District has lots of good information about rain gardens on their website. Ware's Grove and North Shore have also had Rain Gardens added to the beaches.

Website – Antje has completed the work on the website. The redesign cost \$1,100. The New site is chesterfield-conservation-commission.com. Contact info for the Commission has been added and Lynne and Kathy are notified when a post is made. The Chesterfield Outdoors website needs to be cancelled.

Grants, Events – Susie Spikol has chosen Tuesday October 20th @ 7 PM for the Chesterfield Mammal presentation.

Lynne reported that the Jeff Scott bridge formerly known as the Boy Scout Bridge was completed. John Herrick had removed the tree from the deck bridge on the trail off Route 63. A Trail Fairy has replaced the boards on the deck bridge. Lynne proposed that the Ladder Bridge be replaced next year. Ancient Oaks and Doug Sargent signs need to be replaced. Audrey's Meander sign needs to be moved.

Land Projects – Otter Brook is Complete and Bob King has signed the deed and it has been recorded.

Other – Alyssa has been requested twice for the status of the Conservation Commission budget. Lynne has been sending bills to townadmin@nhchesterfield.com and CC's Amy for bill payments. She is proposing a member of the Commission be responsible for the Budget.

Pam would like to see the Board of Selectmen have a separate ordinance for Lake front properties. There will be handouts for property owners when property is transferred.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be August 24th. Bruce will be the Facilitator. The Following meeting will be September 28th. Susan will be the Facilitator. The next meeting will be October 26th. Chris will be the Chair.

Susan, Pam, Bruce, Lynne and Kathy voted to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary