

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2020**

Present: Bruce Jacobs, Facilitator; Lynne Borofsky, Pam Walton, Kathy Thatcher, Susan Donahue, Fran Shippee, Selectboard Representative and Chris Oot.

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 346 680 3059 or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://zoom.us/j/3466803059> Meeting ID: 346 680 3059

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/>.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; If anyone has a problem, please call 603-762-0755 or email at: lborofsky@wsesdvt.org.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting; In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

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

Visitors - Jeff Littleton was present to discuss a revision to the NRI. The Commission discussed focusing on Groundwater Issues, Unfragmented Land, a Steep Slope Ordinance and high priority Natural Resources. The Commission would also like to look at Recreational Lands. There was a discussion about the Watershed Lake Area and Invasives. Jeff will submit a proposal for the Commission to take to the Selectboard for presentation.

Minutes - Bruce moved to approve the July 27th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Kathy. Lynne, Pam, Kathy, Bruce and Susan voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Communication – Tad Lacey was present to discuss damage being caused by ATV's to Old Prouty Road, Lincoln Road and Atherton Hill Road. Lynne arranged to meet with Tad this weekend to look at the area.

Permits, Complaints – Kathy has been working with Lynne Gamaroug on a Retention Pond. DES stated that they would only come to look at it if a permit was filed.

Selectboard – The Steep Slope Ordinance was tabled by the Planning Board last February due to input from local foresters that felt the language of the presented ordinance could be better.

Lake Report – The Selectboard supposedly voted in May for a lake level. No official vote has been found in the minutes. Pam believes the Level should be 17” below the spillway. The current level is 3” below that. Susan reported that the Lake Association was going to test the other 3 core samples for the lead contamination.

Grants, Events – The Harris Center Presentation on Chesterfield Mammals is scheduled for October 20th at 7 PM on Zoom. Lynne proposed a work day in the fall for Friedsam Town Forest and Madame Sherri’s.

Website – The new site is up. Lynne asked for input from the Commission about the New Business on the Front Page. It was decided that the pictures of the New Bridge should continue to be the most recent news.

Land Projects – Evans & Otter Brook are complete.

Other – Lynne requested that Chris take over review of the Commission Budget. Next year is coming soon and the budget may need to change to reflect the projects that the Commission want to work on.

The Commission will ask the Selectboard if Chris is a full Member or an alternate. Susan is the alternate with the most experience. The Commission will ask Kristin if she would like to stay on as alternate.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be September 28th. Susan will be the Facilitator. The following meeting will be October 24th. Chris will be the Facilitator and the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 30th. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Bruce Jacobs
Chairman

Date: _____