

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

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

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 963 4520 8885 or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://zoom.us/j/96345208885> Meeting ID: 963 4520 8885

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.

Bruce moved to approve August 24th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Kathy. Lynne, Bruce, Pam, Kathy and Susan voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Permits, Complaints – Kristin stated that she would be resigning from the Commission, but would still send information along from the ZBA for Conservation. There were no new applications.

Visitors – Jeff Littleton presented his proposal for the NRI update. Some of the things to be updated would be NH Natural Heritage Bureau, Rare Species, Prime Wetlands and Mapping. Jeff will be able to utilize a Graduate Student or an Intern next year. Pam will be the contact for Jeff. The Commission will

make recommendations and send to Amy. Amy will forward to Pam and Jeff will finalize the proposal prior to meeting with the Selectboard. Fran will get the Commission on the agenda for tentatively October 21st. There will be a public hearing to expend funds from the Conservation Fund tentatively on November 30th.

Selectboard – The Selectboard will be holding a second public hearing on wastewater regulation October 28th. The Highway Garage will be spraying for knotweed on 9A within the next week.

Spofford Lake – Bacteria in the lake has low toxins. The sludge needs to be picked up and buried off site if any remains next spring.

Events- The Susie Spikol presentation about local Mammals will be October 20th. Lynne will send out a e-mail blast to trail adopters and others interested in Conservation activities.

Website- Lynne reported that she had a bill for \$165.90 for the website. It will be \$150 annually. She has reached out to Antje as the website isn't sending her notifications.

Trail Adopters- Lynne stated that John Bauby had taken over the Daniels Mountain. The Monadnock Wantastiquet Trail was closed for logging. She is proposing a Trail Maintenance Session on Oct 17th at 10 AM.

Lynne reported that she had met with Ted Lacey on the Trail and observed the boulders were being brought to the top of the trail by ATV tires. She has contacted Swanzey PD.

There are no new Land Projects.

Other – Budget \$3,787. The Commission requested \$1,200 for Contracted Services; Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair \$100; a separate Line Item for website at \$150. Dues for NHACC and Wantastiquet and \$400 for Supplies. Bruce moved to recommend the Budget at \$3,787. The motion was seconded by Pam. Kathy, Lynne, Susan, Bruce and Pam voted Yes.

Public Comment – Jeff Scott was interested in helping with the Bridge repair in Friedsam. He will contact Corey Shepherd. John Zannotti commented on outreach to people that are using the Lake.

Kathy moved to request the Selectboard make Susan a full member. The motion was seconded by Bruce. Kathy, Lynne, Bruce, and Chris voted Yes.

The next meeting will be October 26th. Chris will be the Facilitator. The following meeting will be November 30th. Kathy will be the Facilitator. The next meeting will be January 25th.

Kathy moved to adjourn at 9:52 PM. The motion was seconded by Lynne. Lynne, Kathy, Pam, Bruce and Susan voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved: _____
Susan Donahue

Date: _____