

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Present: Lynne Borofsky, Facilitator; Kathy Thatcher, Bruce Jacobs, Pam Walton, Susan Donahue, 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.

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*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 – Steve Lamonde from Moosewood Ecological was present to discuss the use of inaturalist for the NRI update. He gave the Commission a brief overview of the software and how to start entering data. Steve will be meeting with school to hopefully involve K-8 students.

Minutes – Kathy moved January 25<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by Bruce. Bruce, Pam, Susan, Kathy and Lynne voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget – Chris presented the expenses for January. The bill from the Reformer for the Public Hearing in the amount of \$53 was not paid last year. It will need to come out of 2021 expenses now. There is \$50 expenditure to John Herrick and a \$6 expenditure.

New Permits- Woodland Permit

Outstanding Permits – Andrasiak & Schwartz

## Planning/Zoning – None

Selectboard Report – Fran reported that the first Town Meeting would be February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM for the Town. 2 PM for the School. March 3<sup>rd</sup> would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> zoom meeting for the Town at 7 PM and the School is Thursday at 7 PM. The Budget Committee voted down the funds for the Health Officer Health Regulation, but the Selectboard has final say on the presentation of the Budget. The vote will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Garage.

Lake Report – Pam reported that the Lake level is 22.5 inches below the desired 30 inches winter level. The level is still very low.

Events – Susie Spikol will be doing a Secrets from the Deep Dark Below presentation of underground mammals on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in conjunction with the Library.

Website – Lynne reported that the inaturalist instructions will be added to our new website. Lynne will try to put a note on the old website that it is outdated.

Trail Adopters – Pam moved to expend up to \$300 on a new sign for the Lower Lot in Friedsam to be installed by Lew Shelley. The motion was seconded by Kathy. Pam, Kathy, Susan, Lynne and Bruce voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Land Projects – The Landowner access authorization forms for the NRI are in process and should be mailed out soon. The winter mammal surveys will be conducted in December 2021 and billed in 2022. Jeff Littleton is working with Antioch & Chesterfield School to develop an internposition, in part to assist in the NRI.

Bruce reported on the annual conservation easement compliance reports conducted by the Monadnock Conservancy on 8 easement properties in Chesterfield totaling 718 acres where the Town has a 3<sup>rd</sup> party right of enforcement. The Conservancy inspects for erosion, vandalism, ruts, invasive plants and unauthorized harvesting and trespassing. Most of these properties are part of the California Brook Natural Area, a region of town targeted by Monadnock Conservancy for protection efforts. Bruce reported that the Conservancy is focused on reducing damage from ATV traffic in the California Brook Natural Area, and may wish the Conservation Commission to support them on a possible awareness event later this year. Pam suggested SWRPC (South West Regional Planning Commission) create a map of updated Conservation Land in Town.

Other – Pocket Park – Kathy stated that there is no parking down there. It is largely access by walkers around the Lake. She does not see this as something that the CCC should take on. Bruce stated that it seemed to be perceived as having more protection if the Commission were involved. He did not feel that this would be the case. Chris thought it would bring more traffic if advertised. Bob Maibusch stated that it was a Class VI road and the Town had a ROW but would need to provide a deed showing ownership to develop this area as a park. All the parking and amenities for people with disabilities is located at Ware's Grove.

Pam had a list of suggested changes to the Agendas and Minutes. The Commission will review at the next meeting. Pam would like the minutes sent to the Commission when the Draft is completed and again a week before the meeting.

Meeting Schedule -      March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Susan is Facilitator  
                                    April 26<sup>th</sup> - Bruce is Facilitator

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Chris is Facilitator  
June 28<sup>th</sup> – Kathy is Facilitator  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – Pam is Facilitator

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary