

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

Present: Lynne Borofsky, Chairman; Jeff Newcomer, Tom Duston, Kathy Thatcher, Pam Walton, Steve Hardy (arrived at 7:35 PM), and Amy LaFontaine

1). Visitors – Ruth asked to have a section for public comment at the end of the agenda.

2). Tom moved to approve the October 22nd minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

3). Permits, Complaints, etc –

A). Cersosimo – Welcome Hill Road #2012-02971 Non-Site Specific Approved December 6, 2012

B). Marilyn George – Incomplete Permit by Notification November 26, 2012 on the lake.

4). Grants, Events – Lynne would like to have a winter event on March 2nd possibly from Beal's to Kilburn. This hike may be too long. Lynne is also considering applying for a PSNH mini-grant for the kisok and map.

5). Spofford Lake Report – Mike Lennon from Aquatic Control Technologies, Inc. (ACT) has completed an aquatic plant survey of the lake. The report will be posted on the SLA website. In the 1980's only one weed, pipewort, was observed when a similar survey was done. This year 17 species were located.

Jeff Littleton from Moosewood Ecological will be completing parts of the Spofford Lake Inventory this winter. He will be meeting with Pam and David in the Spring to discuss his findings.

6). Website – Jeff reported that the Sentinel will no longer be hosting the website as of January 1st. He has met with Sovernet who will take it over for \$120/year. There should be a link to the Spofford Lake Association.

7). Trail Stewards, Trail Development & Land Projects – Tom stated that there may be a 2 to 3 day hike from Keene to Brattleboro. It would include camping. There is an RSA 212:34 (Duty of Care) that states the property owner is not liable if the property is in current use except for gross negligence. Ruth stated that she had contacted her insurance company who required a release from the user stating that the property owner will not be held liable. In Ruth's case the vehicles were motorized.

8). Report from Selectmen – The Commission had changed their meeting night to accommodate the Selectmen. A Selectboard member hasn't been present since the meeting night was changed. The Commission would like to have a Selectboard member present at the regular meetings. It was also suggested that perhaps there could be a report

submitted if a Selectboard Representative is unable to attend. Tom will contact the Selectboard office.

9). Other –

A). Kathy & Lynne were going to meet with the 2nd & 3rd graders in Friedsam. The meeting did not work out. Lynne is proposing a trail from behind the library to cross to Friedsam so the students won't have to walk along Route 63. The trail would be used 3X per year.

B). Ruth reported that Parks & Rec had removed some diseased trees at Ware's Grove. The Commission was discussing planting some trees in the center of Town. Ruth asked that the groups coordinate on planting trees. Barbara Girs and Bob Brockmann were also working on this project.

C). Ruth suggested that she could get a map for the Commission through a grant that could also be used for the Office of Emergency Management. She would like to see better communication throughout the Town.

D). Tom will investigate Mountain Biking use in Friedsam.

E). Tom will submit invoices from the event. Steve will submit receipts for the Chainsaw and paraphernalia.

10). The next meeting will be January 28th. Tom will be the Chair. The following meeting will be Monday February 25th. Steve will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Lynne Borofsky
Chairman

Date: _____