

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

Present: Steve Hardy, Chairman (arrived at 7:36 PM), Kathy Thatcher, David Wood, Tom Duston and Jeff Newcomer

Kathy Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

**Visitors** – Kari Post is interested in working on trails. She just received a Masters in Environmental Studies from Antioch.

**Minutes** – Tom moved to approve the August 27<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

**Permits, Complaints, etc** –

- A). Don Brehm – Permit by Notification Linfield Lane 2012-02508. Incomplete from DES.
- B). Complete Forestry Notification – Yankee Arrowhead
- C). Coleman – 2012-02997 Municipal Approval for a Septic System
- D). Michael LaCroix – 182 Mountain Road Standard Dredge & Fill Boat Launch & Access Reinforce Banking.
- E). Martini – Kathy will look up the progress on the complaint.

**Grants, Events** – The Invasive Plants Workshop will be September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11:30 AM. There will be a group from Antioch in Friedsam on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Spofford Lake** – David moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 from the Conservation Fund to Moosewood Ecological, LLC for the completion of work for the Spofford Lake Comprehensive Lake Inventory described in a proposal to the SLA dated 7/17/2012. This will result in a 50-50 match with the SLA for the cost of the Project. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

David submitted a report from Michael Lennon, Professionally trained biologist, who has confirmed that milfoil has not been found in Spofford Lake. He will compile a written report and action plan for the Spofford Lake Association.

**Website** – Jeff will post completed trail work from Lynne & a write up on the Colony Project from Tom.

**Tools**- Steve has researched a Small Husqvarna and will compile a wish list of other tools for the next meeting.

**Trail Development & Land Projects** – A). Tom stated that volunteers are covered under the Town insurance policy. The tree has been removed from overhanging the parking lot in Madame Sherri last Saturday.

B). Bob Miller – Work on the unsafe footbridge.

C). The Trail from Pisgah to Keene will be Opening at 10 AM on October 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Monadnock Conservancy, Antioch NE-Institute and Horatio Colony Trustees. Parking will be at the Horatio Colony Museum. The trail will go through Class VI Roads, a Class A trail and various hiking trails. There will be a car available for bailouts possibly at the end of California Road.

D). Jeff, Lynne & Tom fixed 4 signs a couple of weeks ago; O’Neil forest, Friedsam Upper & Lower Lots and Daniels Mountain Loop.

E). Jeff moved to expend \$200 from the Conservation Budget for a load of gravel to repair the Madame Sherri parking lot. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

F). Gray & Gibbons Statement of Support from the last meeting.

G). Tom wants to pursue an Adopt-a-Trail program for community volunteers.

H). The Commission will not be contributing to Land Use Charities seeking donations. The Commission has donated to Monadnock Conservancy and Friends of Pisgah in the past.

**Other –**

A). There is a volunteer group for the Gorge that is trying the repair the lower bridge.

B). John Caveney asked about refusing to allow imported wood. The Emerald Ash Borer & Asian Longhorn Beetle could be imported to the Lake. He asked about contacting the people who rent on the lake and asking their guests not to bring wood with them. The Borer has been found in Dalton MA. The full quarantine area has not been fully disclosed yet. The City of Worcester has expended \$2,000,000 on the Asian Longhorn Beetle. Locations such as Camp Spofford should offer wood to all of their guests.

**Adjournment** – The next meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy will be the Chair. The following meeting will be December 10<sup>th</sup>. David will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

Approved:

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Steve Hardy  
Chairman

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