

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2015**

Present: Pam Walton, Chairman; Tom Duston, Lynne Borofsky, Greg Hammett, Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary

1). Communication – Tom presented a list.

2). Lynne moved to approve March 23rd minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

3). Visitors –

A). John Koopmann thanked the Commission for the benches donated to Chesterfield Gorge Park. He reported that there is a vacancy at the State of NH for a Park Manager at the Gorge Full-Time Seasonal. John and Lynne met at the Gorge earlier to discuss the location of a dog waste system at the Gorge.

B). Barbara Girs was present to discuss the tree planting project at the center of Town. The current proposal is to replace 1 dead tree and plant 2 along the road. Barbara reported that Steve Roberge from the extension service had come out a couple of years ago and had concerns about planting all Sugar Maples, how the trees were planted and the location to Power Lines. The Commission had previously discussed not planting more trees until a plan has been re-evaluated. The Commission wishes to consult with Selectboard before moving forward.

4). Outstanding Permits, Complaints, etc –

A). Live Free GS Precision – Mill Pond Road . There is a letter of acceptance of the application. Kathy reported via e-mail “Tom and I visited the Mill Road property. I did put in a call to DES saying that signing off on the project was beyond our scope of expertise. I told the fellow I spoke with that due to the large scale, a site visit seemed reasonable. I specifically asked about the impact of a large amount of permeable surface area being replaced with impermeable.” Jon McKeon asked the Commission to forward information to the Planning Board as the Commission reviews the application.

B). Frank Amarosa III – 90 North Shore Road. Letter of Deficiency dated March 25th and an extension of compliance.

C). Travis Davenport, Snowmobile Club – Notification of Complete Trails for Wetlands Minimum Impact. Tom went to check the maps and could not tell if it was Friedsam or not.

5). Grants/Events –

A). Tom moved to accept the Quabbin to Cardigan Trails Grant for \$1,452.24 for the Commission walkways and authorize the expenditure of \$559.24 from the Conservation Fund for the match. The motion was seconded by Pam and passed unanimously. Lynne reported that she had received a list of the grants that had been awarded to other applicants as well and would use those for future reference.

B). Lynne and Anne McBride will be hosting a Grant Writing Workshop tomorrow night from 6 to 8 for \$25.

C). Lynne talked with Greg about involving families in Commission events. The events would need to be non-school sponsored and can be advertised on the e-flyer site at the SAU and the school e-mail newsletter. The Commission’s current e-mail list is attendees at previous events.

6). Spofford Lake –

A). Pam reported that the Lake is 4 inches below summer level. The DOT has asked the Town to leave the water level low normal until the humus has had a chance to root. There is little that can be done if a 6-inch storm occurs however.

B). Pam reported that the Lake Host Program went from \$10,000 to \$17,000 last year. There are more fishing tournaments which they hope to staff. There is a \$3,000 Grant from NH Lakes. There is a \$70,000 balance in the Conservation Fund. Pam moved to approve the expenditure of \$7,000 for the Lake Host program. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

7). Trail Development and Land Projects –

A). Lynne reported that she found blankets covered with a tarp stashed in Daniels Mtn. The Forest Society actually owns the property and they are working on removal.

B). There are trees down on Daniels Mtn Loop. Tom will have John Herrick come out and remove.

C). Snowmobile Trail – Travis Davenport has marked some trees in Friedsam for removal. The goal is to make the trail wide enough for the groomer or 2 snowmobiles to pass side by side. There is also citizen comment about not removing the trees that have been tagged in Friedsam.

D). Greg reported that the Cemetery Loop in Friedsam is wet. The Commission will review through the seasons and move it if necessary.

E). The landowners of the West Hill Project have asked to post against trapping and predator hunting. The Commission accepts the proposal as approved by the Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Pam and passed unanimously.

8). Other – Brad asked about trail maps. There are maps available in the parking lots at Friedsam Forest and posted on the web for the Wantastiquet-Monadnock Greenway; Keene Connector Trail; and Friedsam. There is a link to Chesterfieldoutdoors.com from the Town of Chesterfield website.

9). Adjournment – Meeting schedule as follows:

June 22nd. Kathy will be the Chair.

August 24th. Steve will be the Chair.

September 28th. Lynne will be the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Pam Walton

Date: _____