

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

Present: Tom Duston, Chairman; Jeff Newcomer, Greg Hammett, Kathy Thatcher, Pam Walton, Steve Hardy, Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative; and Amy LaFontaine

Minutes –

A). Jeff moved August 24th as amended. The motion was seconded by Pam Walton and passed unanimously.

B). Jeff moved September 13th. The motion was seconded by Tom. Tom clarified that if the right of way through the church property is not approved the Commission should revisit the proposed work in that section. The motion passed unanimously.

Communication –

A). The Selectboard has approved the logging on Old Swanzey Road.

B). The Selectboard has denied a request to sell 20 acre parcel 20E1 that would severely impact the Wheelock Brook.

C). Greg Hammett has agreed to be trail steward for lower ½ Sargent Trail beginning at the stone wall.

D). Val Starbuck has finished the trail map.

Permits –

A). The Monadnock Conservancy has filed a complaint about filling in California Brook.

B). Letter of Deficiency – LRM 2015-02144 for Lake Spofford Cabins, Inc.; Anthony & Marisa Martini claim dock is grandfathered but testimony to the alternate that it has changed in size shape and configuration over time. They are ordered to remove by October 13th.

Grants, Events –

A). Potluck sponsored by the Commission at 6 PM on October 17, 2015. Tom will provide entrée and others to provide side dishes. Invitees are Trail Adopters, Friends of the Gorge and a couple of people at the Conservancy.

B). Lew Shelley is working on Stone Wall & Bridge in Madame Sherri and Friedsam. Needs volunteers to carry decking. Tom is proposing a volunteer day for Saturday October 10th at 10 AM. Greg suggested Cross Country Team students and parents. The Team actually uses Friedsam.

C). Lynne is working on a grant from Q2C for 70% to 75% of \$2,500 to replace the ravine bridge in Friedsam. Tom moved to expend up to \$2,500 from the Conservation Fund for the purpose of repairing the Ravine Bridge. The motion was seconded by Kathy. Income for the Fund comes from the Land Use Change Fee. The balance in the account is \$74,000. Milfoil prevention \$6,000 has been expended from the fund and \$2,500 to repair the gate.

Spofford Lake Report – There are no exotic weeds.

Website – Jeff is proposing to renew the domain name at a cost of \$113.97 for 5 years. He will put it on his credit card and be reimbursed from the budget.

Tools – Looking for someone to use them. Transfer Station and Cemetery used to borrow them. Tom stated that the Brush Hog could be sold.

Report from Selectman -

A). Steve will do an inventory for trees present in center of Town. Brad will forward the report from Steve Roberge.

B). The Selectboard is hosting a Right to Know workshop December 3rd 7 PM to 9 PM. The Commission suggested Amy be present.

C). Steve, Jeff and Pam (alt) Commission expires in 2015. Everyone is willing to renew. Brad will report to Selectboard.

D). Jim Larkin has resigned. Dan Cotter has replaced him.

Public Comment - John Koopmann

Other –

A). Tom moved to approve the budget as submitted. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

B). Kathy questioned the North/South delineation of the map.

C). Amy has attended Hazard Mitigation Meeting on September 21st. The next one will be October 26th.

Trail Development & Land Projects – Tom would like permission to talk to the Planning Board about a Wetlands Setback Ordinance. He will look at ordinances for other Towns. There are no designated wetlands in Chesterfield. This could allow for a wetlands scientist to delineate wetlands on property prior to a building permit being issued.

Adjournment – The meeting schedule as follows:

October 26th. Lynne will be the Chair.

November 30th. Greg will be the Chair.

January 25, 2016 and Steve will be the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine

Secretary

Approved:

Tom Duston, Chairman

Date: _____