

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

Present: Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Tom Duston, Kathy Thatcher, Greg Hammett, Norm VanCor, Selectboard Representative and Amy LaFontaine.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM.

Visitors –

A). Travis Davenport, Snowmobile Club. Lynne will meet with Travis at 3 PM on Sunday to look for alternative to the trails.

B). John Koopmann – expressed interest in improved communication among Town Boards. The Dead River project is of concern to the Commission because of its impact on the Catsbane.

Minutes – Tom moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion is seconded by Greg and passed unanimously.

Communication – Tom reported that he had written a “Thank you” letter to Home Depot for donating the materials for Corey Shepherd’s project. He has also written a “Thank you” note to the Trail Wrights and sent them a donation of \$250. He also has 2 blank mailboxes if anyone wants to paint them for maps.

Permits, Complaints – Notice of Complete Forestry Notifications arrived for Ziggy Richter and California Brook

Events – Lynne reported that Keene to Kilburn hike would be about 9 hours. Beal’s Trailhead to Kilburn is about 3 ½ hours. Lynne is suggesting a snowshoe hike in Friedsam.

Land Development –

A). Tom wants to thank the highway department for putting gravel on the upper lot at Friedsam and signage at Madame Sherri’s.

B). The Keene Connector Trail is closed for logging.

C). Tom is looking for an umbrella organization to sponsor the Keene Connector Trail.

Selectboard –

A). The Code Enforcement Officer has resigned. The Selectboard is seeking a Full-Time replacement.

B). Norm reported that the Selectboard has added \$700 to the Commission Budget for Wetlands Training.

C). There are 8 dead trees in the center of Town that need to be trimmed or removed before the end of the year. Hopefully a plan can be created to start planting new ones in the Spring.

Other – Kathy will be working on the Conservation Report for the Town Report.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be January 23rd. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary