

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2017**

Present: Pam Walton, Chairman; Lynne Borofsky, Tom Duston, Steve Hardy (arrived at 7:50 PM) and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

Visitors – John Koopmann reported that some Student Conservation Association workers had showed up at the Gorge to do work. He highly recommended them for Commission Projects.

Minutes – Tom moved April 24<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by Pam and passed unanimously. Norm has since reported that he may not be able to get an intern.

Permits, Complaints –

A). Carl Hagstrom & Sarah Callahan 2017-01325 Wetland Application to build a pond on 47 Lincoln Road.

B). Eastwood Properties, LLC. – 2017-00759 Request for more information from DES dated 5/6. If information is not received by May 6<sup>th</sup> the application will be denied.

Spofford Lake Report –

A). Pam reported that the lake level is high. It is 5” above normal and only 9” below top of spillway.

B). Pam moved to expend \$6,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Spofford Lake Host for the Milfoil Prevention Program. The check should be payable to Spofford Lake Association, PO Box 177, Spofford, NH 03462. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

C). Pam stated that she is concerned about invasive knotweed around Town. Herbicides may not be used within 25 feet of the lake. Tom suggested she contact Amanda Littleton or Alicia LaCross, our new Mine Ledge Trail Adopter and a State Ranger for Otterbrook for more information.

D). Pam stated that a seasonal resident was concerned about the amount of salt used on North Shore Road. Tom suggested Pam should get the guidelines from the State and the Commission will submit a letter to the Selectboard.

E). Pam would like to work on changes to zoning around the lake including lot size and steep slope. She is concerned about major subdivisions and erosion. The Natural Resource Inventory suggests the next step is identifying prime wetlands.

Website – Tom will talk to Jeff about finding a place for others to post articles or blogs on the website.

Tools – The Commission would like to consider selling some of the tools.

Trail Development - The Monadnock-Wantastiquet Development Committee met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. All interested parties attended; Monadnock Conservancy, Friends of Pisgah, Keene Parks & Rec, Antioch, Horatio Colony, DRED, Troy Conservation Commission, Metacomet-Monadnock Trail, SWRPC, Pathways, Swanzey Conservation Commission and Hinsdale Conservation Commission.

Selectboard – The Selectboard would like to meet with the Commission at 6 PM on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Other –

A). the Public mentioned that a donation to Spofford Lake Association under RSA 36A may not be allowed. Tom stated that he would research but it is allowed to expend money for purposes that support the primary function of the Commission.

B). Chesterfield Community Solar, LLC – moving forward.

C). Tom is working on the subcommittee consisting of people who would be available to attend Planning and Zoning Board Meetings as well as site visits and then report back to Commission.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. Tom will be the Chair. The following meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. Steve will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary