

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2007**

Present: Lynne Borofsky, Chairman; Jon McKeon, Selectmen's Representative; Steve Fisher, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Bill Tyler and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

1). Mail Distribution –

A). NH Rec & Conservation Leader's Survey Conservation Leader's Community Needs Assessment needs to be filled out by May 25th. Amy stated that she believed Tom had filled out the survey on line.

B). Lynne presented pictures from the Wantastiquet Fire. 3 of her students are now firefighters. The fire took 2 days to put out.

C). Kathy and Lynne will both be taking the tree inventory course that the Observatory talked about at the last meeting. The Bird Inventory class was cancelled.

2). Jeff moved to approve the April 25th meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously by the Commission.

3). New Permits –

A). Bruce Potter – Standard Dredge & Fill North Shore Road. Kathy has not had a chance to visit yet.

B). Anna D'Onofrio –2007-00879 50 Asgaard Road after the fact dredge & fill. Kathy said that she needed to talk to the State Conservation Board regarding the lack of enforcement from DES. It has become too easy to wait and the DES complaints go away.

4). Outstanding –

A). Kwader – DES has done a site visit, but no one has heard results.

B). Pete Mitchell – 2007-00680 Winchester Road Standard Dredge and Fill Application Approved with Conditions.

C). Route 63 Beaver Dam – DOT has determined that the beavers need to be removed.

5). Grants & Events -

A). May 19th several volunteers worked in the pouring rain for 2 ½ hours to clear the first half of the Bear Mountain Trail. Bill delivered the trailer and Lynne, Steve, Jeff, Kathy, Matt Edson, Laurel Powell, John Herrick, Ken Gobbo and Paul Link worked. Steve worked with the brush hog and John Herrick manned the chainsaw.

B). The Friends of Pisgah has set aside the 2nd Saturday of every month to work.

C). Lynne suggested meeting Saturday June 9th to continue working on the trail. Lemon Eucalyptus has been suggested as a natural bug repellent.

D). Susan and John Harris would like to be added to the mailing list.

E). Lynne reported that Lew Shelley is gathering workers together from the Student Conservation Association to work on the grant. He hopes to start on Indian Pond next week.

6). Spofford Lake Report –

A). Bill would like to chair the August 22nd meeting at 5 PM at his house and take the Commission for a boat ride around the lake with dinner following. Jeff will chair the October meeting. Amy will be away the week of the 24th so the meeting has been moved to October 17th.

B). The Police Department will be moving to Spofford Village while the Town Office Complex is under construction.

7). **Website** - Jeff presented a printout of the title page and the password protected page for events. The site should be up and running at our next meeting. Amy and Lynne should have editing authority.

8). Trail Stewards & Tools –

- A). Jeff and Steve assembled the camera during the meeting.
- B). Steve is still working on a purchase order for the compasses.
- C). Several locations were suggested for storing the trailer, but none could be agreed upon so it will stay at Tom's house for the time being. The entrance to the highway garage is gated. Steve stated that the transfer station was a difficult location to pick it up.

9). Trail Development and Land Projects –

A). Lynne suggested meeting every Saturday from June 16th to July 14th for work sessions.

B). Rick Guhse from NE Hiking Society would like to take over maintenance of Moon Ledge Trail to Pisgah Park.

C). Lynne would like to have an opening event in the fall for Bear Mountain that includes a hike from Pisgah to Downtown Brattleboro ending with Dinner at the Riverview Café.

10). Selectmen's Report –

A). The Selectmen believe there is a violation on the Catsbane Brook across from the Chesterfield Tire. There is fill from the railroad and bridge work being dumped in the brook. The Commission has filed complaints previously and DES has not found the complaint valid.

B). The Selectmen are working on a Conflict of Interest Policy for Town Meeting next year.

11). The next meeting will be July 11th. Steve will be the chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved: _____

Lynne Borofsky
Chairman

Date: _____