

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2006**

Present: Tom Duston; Chairman, Steve Fisher, Kathy Thatcher, Bill Tyler, Jeff Newcomer and Amy LaFontaine; Secretary

1). Visitors- Route 63 Pro Bypass group Lois Bradstreet, Jo Johnston and Katie Heerman were present. Tom stated that the Commission's jurisdiction was limited to wetlands. Lois stated that the largest wetland in Chesterfield is Spofford Lake, she stated that the Selectmen decided in January not to pursue the bypass. They have asked DOT to remove the S curves. The concerns of the bypass group are that this will only increase the speed and danger; for example an oil truck falling into the lake or a tandem logging truck hitting a pedestrian or bicyclist. The Current Route 63 is crumbling into the lake. The Selectmen do not want to pursue the bypass because residents of Pinnacle Springs were concerned about the noise from a bypass and the current Route 63 will be turned over to the Town. The Town is concerned about the cost of maintaining the old Route 63. There is also another smaller wetland that will be affected by the proposed bypass. The group will be circulating a petition to the voters to request the Selectmen to hold a public hearing.

A motion was made by Steve for the Commission to write a letter to the Selectmen stating that there is continuing concern about the impact of Route 63 on Spofford Lake. The Commission would like to ask the Selectboard to sponsor a public hearing allowing input from all parties including State of NH, DOT, and DES to discuss the negative impacts to Spofford Lake and nearby wetlands. The letter should be cc'd to the pro bypass group. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously by the Commission.

2). Jeff moved to approve the April 26th meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve

3). New Permits – Douglas Kendall, Permit by Notification on Glebe Road for a culvert. The wetlands scientist is Sharon Monahan. She is also the wetlands scientist for the Thomas property.

4). Outstanding Permits Complaints, etc – Kathy stated that she was uncomfortable trespassing when people have not signed the release for the Commission to review the application. Tom and Amy are confident that once an application has been signed it automatically gives permission to the Conservation Commission for inspection.

A). John Allard – 2005-00314 Poocham Road Complaint for clearing wetlands and a stream without authorization from DES. He has responded to Dawn Buker, DES correspondent. The letter states that he is creating a wildflower meadow. He also has an application before the Planning Board for a subdivision.

B). Joseph Halliday – 2006-01329 22 Naumaschaug Landing Standard Dredge & Fill Administratively Complete.

C). Philip Lodewick – 2006-01456 12 Silverdale Road Standard Dredge & Fill Administratively Complete.

D). Timothy & Allison Coleman – 2006-01110 Glebe Road Complaint Dredged a stream because machinery got caught in the mud.

E). David Belanger & Monime Stanclift – 2006-01240 903 Gulf Road on the corner of Mountain Road Complaint. Shoreland Protection Issue because they have dumped fill into the Gulf Brook.

F). Camp Spofford – 2006-00616 Non Site Specific Permit no conditions.

G). Lynn Thomas- 2005-02349 DES has until July 16th to respond to Quarles Motion for Reconsideration.

H). Anna D’Onofrio – 2006-00975 Asgard Road Complaint. Disruption to Wetlands put in culvert, dumping and cutting trees.

I). Douglas & Kim Pering – Old Swanzey Road previous Complaint August 2004 for alteration of terrain. Property Owners have begun filling the property again. Kathy will contact DES on the status of the original complaint. A permit is required for filling more than 100,000 square feet.

J). Kathy & Bill will be meeting at 112 North Shore Road with Cara Cleveland of Weller Architects and the property owners at 2 PM July 5th to discuss an upcoming project. They are proposing to remove an old structure within the setback and put up a house.

5). Report from the Chairman –

A). Tom has been discussing Beaver Dams on Glebe Road with John Koopman. Apparently the Beaver Dam has been removed with heavy equipment without a permit. Kathy will ask DES when she calls about Pering.

B). The Spofford Lake Association is looking for their check for \$2,000.

C). Ziggy Richter may be interested in donating an easement on Erbhof Road in the future. This would be part of the California Brook Project.

D). The Houghton easement will be complete sometime in July.

6). Other –

A). Kathy stated that Friedsam from the upper lot is very wet and a large beech tree has fallen on the Ravine Bridge. The tree has fallen down the slope with the crown resting on the bridge. There are no more maps in the upper Route 63 mailbox.

B). The next work session will be Saturday at 9:30 AM.

C). Tom thinks he has found an American Chestnut Tree Producing Fruit. He has sent a sample to the NH American Chestnut Foundation. There are only about 20 Chestnut trees producing fruit in NH.

D). National Trails Day was June 3rd. A New Trail, the Bear Mountain Connector, from Route 63 to Bear mountain was cut and cleared. 10 to 12 people showed up to participate despite the rain. It was a very productive event.

E). Tom was concerned that the website hasn’t been updated since 2004. The Commission would like to have minutes posted on the Town’s server so that the Commission’s site can focus on more permanent items such as maps and an events section.

F). The commission did get the NH Trails grant to do flood repair. The historical society needs to verify that the project does not disturb any historical sites.

G). The Chesterfield Conservation Commission will be receiving an award at the Monadnock Conservancy Annual Meeting on August 26th at 10 AM.

7). The next meeting will be August 23rd. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Tom Duston
Chairman

Date: _____