

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2008**

Present: Kathy Thatcher, Chair; Steve Fisher, Lynne Borofsky and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

- 1). The next meeting will be May 21st @ 7:30 PM. Bill Tyler will be Chair. Amy will let him know.

- 2). Steve moved to accept March 26th minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously. Lynne asked for a copy of the proposal for NRI from Cynthia Nichols. Tom and Kathy wrote a request for proposal after the last meeting.

- 3). Permits, Complaints, etc –**
 - A). Beaver Dam- Kathy is working on a minimum impact expedited application. She will get Audrey Ericson to sign off. Kathy will be the agent. She will need a check for \$200. Steve will take pictures at the site for the application.
 - B). John Allard – 2005-00314 Letter of Compliance for LOD 4/1/2008
 - C). Alex Kwader – 2004-02350 Stream Crossings not constructed to plan 4/3/2008
 - D). Annette Davidson – 2003-00735 Letter of Compliance for LOD 4/1/2008. BC Construction also has the same address and complaint number received a Notice of Violation on 4/1/2008.
 - E). Intent to Cut - Lost Cloud on the Wright Easement. Amy will forward the e-mail to Tom because he is the one who has been working with the logger.

- 4). Grants, Events –** Lew Shelley is working on taking down a couple of trees for the stringers on the ladder bridge. Lynne stated that Jake arrived home yesterday to help. Tom had suggested at the last meeting to hike the new trail to Brattleboro in the fall.

- 5). Website –** Steve submitted a bill from the Keene Sentinel for \$300 to set up the website. Jeff volunteered to pay \$100. March 28, 2007 the Commission voted to pay for developing the website out of contracted services.

- 6). Trail Stewards & Tools –** Steve presented the GPS 60CSx. He would like the Commission to consider spending \$119 for the topo maps at some point. Kathy would like a GPS lesson.

- 7). Trail Development & Land Projects –** There is a new project tentatively called Friedsam East. An appraisal completed by Monadnock Appraisal estimates the value at \$4,000 to \$4,500 per acre. John Newcombe has not yet submitted a bill for the appraisal. The Appraisal revealed that the tax maps show 125 acres. The deed only shows 105. Usually the tax maps are correct. The value of the property is between \$450,000 and \$500,000. The property was listed at \$950,000 last fall. Tom will go to the next

Selectmen's meeting on May 1st. The purpose of the project is to be a collaborative effort. Lynne spoke with Bill Watson at DOT, because Route 63 is part of the Scenic Byways. This property is 3,000 feet along the Scenic Byway that connects Westmoreland to Hinsdale and Mike O'Connor, as the past president, of the Chesterfield Snowmobile Association. The balance in the Fund as of December 31st is \$165 thousand. Steve made a motion that the Commission pursue the purchase by the Town of the Chickering Property on Route 63. We tentatively pledge up to \$100,000 from the Conservation Fund for this project subject to approval by the Selectmen and ultimately a final approval by our membership. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

8). Other - There will be a group meeting on May 4th at 1 PM to walk some potential connections in the Wantastiquet Monadnock Greenway.

9). The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Kathy Thatcher
Chairman

Date: _____