

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2008
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Steve Fisher, Chairman; Kathy Thatcher, Bill Tyler, Tom Duston (arrived at 7:35 PM), Jeff Newcomer (arrived at 7:42 PM) and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary

- 1). Tom moved to approve the January 16th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

- 2). **New permits** – Bruce Potter Dredge & Fill Minor Impact Application submitted February 7th by Steve Pro for a shared driveway. The property is located on the lake. Tom asked how the Commission was able to review and comment on the application under 2 feet of snow? It looks like a significant project from the plans. It crosses the wetlands once along the frontage. Kathy will call DES to comment.

- 3). **Permits, Complaints, etc** –
 - A). Bruce Potter – There was an amendment to the original application submitted on November 21st, which the Commission discussed at the last meeting.
 - B). There has been no new info submitted for the DES tracking report this month. Bruce Potter's application came in after the deadline for this month. It will be on next month's report.
 - C). Beavers – The Commission discussed whether they should obtain a permit in advance or if they could apply for an emergency permit as the Town has in the past.
 - D). NRI – Kathy submitted a proposal from Cynthia Nichols to conduct a Natural Resource Inventory in Chesterfield. Cynthia will come to the next meeting to discuss. Tom contacted Carol Andrews @ NHACC and it is the Commission's responsibility to do an NRI. Kathy will also ask Jeff Littleton to submit a proposal.

- 4). **Grants & Events** – Lynne sent along copies of the articles from the Reformer. Tom passed out a group picture of the snowshoe.

- 5). **Spofford Lake Report** – Bill reported that the lake was frozen.

- 6). **Website** – Jeff reported that the Sentinel is updating from a 2000 to a 2003 server. Jeff has been talking to Damian, who will have the website up in a day or two.

- 7). **Trail Stewards & Tools** – Amy will e-mail the updated event mailing list to Steve. She will e-mail the list to Hinsdale along with the templates hopefully tomorrow. Kathy suggested having a sign-up list for Trail Stewards at the School Meeting and Town Meeting. Tom moved to purchase the GPS Altimeter for \$303.95. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously by the Commission.

8). Trail Development and Land Projects – Tom is working on the permanent protection of the large parcel of property that was for sale on Route 63, the potential Chickering Preserve.

9). Other –

A). Revised Shoreland Protection Act – Amy handed out the Power Point presentation from the Annual Meeting about the new SPA that will take effect April 1st. Kathy asked if we should do a board for Town Meeting? There is a point system to measure tree cover.

B). Revised Milfoil Prevention Proposal – The Commission did not want to amend the decision at the last meeting to increase the donation to \$2,500. The Commission asked them to request more next year.

C). House of Corrections Project – The County is required to mitigate wetlands on the site for the new jail. An expansion of the original plan disturbs more than 100,000 square feet of wetland. Chesterfield received \$150,000 from C&S in Keene for a previous wetland mitigation. The County is proposing an easement on a 47-acre parcel of land in Chesterfield on the Westmoreland border. The proposed piece is landlocked. The Monadnock Conservancy procedures take a little more time than the County would like. Tom and Kathy met Jack Wosmack, Chris, the County Forester, Marshall Patmos and some others met on Friday. There is no public access or ROW to the property. Pierce Road was deeded to the Town by a form subdivision. Property owned by Andy Kay separates the property from Pierce Road. If the County could work out access issues the Commission would be interested in pursuing the easement. Tom will send a draft letter to Amy in the next couple of days.

10). Town Meeting is March 11th. The School Meeting is March 8th. The Commission talked about having a sign up sheet for Trail Stewards. The next meeting will be March 26th. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Steve Fisher
Chairman

Date: _____