

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2008**

Present: Lynne Borofsky, Chairperson; Bill Tyler, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Tom Duston, and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

1). Visitors – The meeting was held on the lawn of the Town Hall. Bart Bevis stopped by regarding Gulf Road and Steve Chickering on Brook Street. Kathy will call DES to see if she can put in writing that it is okay to work near a protected stream as long as the roots and stumps are left alone and stay out of the stream.

2). Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) – Conservation Commissions are obligated by State Law to produce an NRI. Jeff was concerned about using the fund to pay for the NRI. As of December 1st the Conservation Fund was \$165,896.51. The Commission is obligated to \$100,000 for Friedsam East, \$50,000 for Yankee Arrowhead and \$5,000 for the Doyle property. The Commission gets Land Use Change Taxes in the Fund. Lynne stated that it was hard to protect something if you don't know what you have. Kathy stated that this is an important tool for Planning and Zoning in the Community. The Commission discussed the 2 proposals from Cynthia Nichols and Moosewood Ecological, LLC. The Commission has worked with Cynthia before. She has not asked for any services from the Commission and she will offer a vernal pool workshop as well as bimonthly progress reports to the Commission. Cynthia NRI will focus primarily on wetlands. Moosewood Ecological, LLC will offer a road assessment as well as wildlife inventory. They will produce a map and some community education workshops. Kathy and Lynne did take an instructional tree identification course with Jeff Littleton. Jeff stated that he felt that the Moosewood Ecological, LLC proposal would provide the Commission with more information. Tom stated that Cynthia's proposal only focuses on 1 of the objectives in the Request for the NRI proposal. He also stated that Moosewood Ecological, LLC proposal costs more and is asking for a lot of input from us. Amy stated that she would like to see more wildlife information and the Moosewood Ecological proposal is more complete. Jeff would like to see the Selectmen pay for the NRI, but it was a request that needed to be made last September. Lynne does not feel that this is the time to request any capital expenditures from the Town. The Commission voted by majority vote to accept the Moosewood Ecological, LLC Proposal (4-1). Kathy will let both of the applicants know the results.

3). Other –

A). The \$3,000 check from the trails bureau for the grant was sent back by the Spofford Post Office. The check was written more than 6 months ago. It needs to be rewritten and will be mailed on July 16th. Lynne will let Carol know.

B). Lynne contacted the Hogancamps about granite slabs for the bridge at Madame Sheri. Jim donated the slabs and delivered them to the site. Lynne was written a letter from the Commission to be signed tonight. Lynne stated that moving the slabs would have cost about \$300.

C). Forester Lynne Levene has done a nature trail on Partridge Road in Dummerston. Lynne would like to do one of these in Friedsam.

D). The Commission has an office in the new building that is shared with Zoning, Planning and Code Enforcement. Tom has the key pass, but he does not remember getting a key. He will give them to Kathy.

D). The Monadnock Conservancy will be meeting here on August 23rd. Tom is looking for volunteers to do parking.

E). Tom stated that there will be a Mitigation Meeting on July 22nd to discuss the distribution of the funds from the County Jail. Kathy, Tom, Amy and Lynne will be away. There is also a Meeting on August 21st to discuss distribution of Conservation plate funds. The Corn Roast will be August 16th.

4). The next meeting will be August 27th. Tom will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Lynne Borofsky
Chairman

Date: _____