

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 2008**

Present: Bill Tyler, Steve Fisher, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Jon McKeon, Selectman's Representative; Tom Duston (arrived at 7:35 PM) and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary

1). Kathy moved to approve February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

**2). Permits, Complaints, etc –**

A). Beaver Dam Route 63 – Kathy advised that DES will not allow an emergency permit for this purpose. Kathy moved to expend \$200 for DES permit. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

B). Bruce Potter – 2008-00288 There is a new application on Route 9A for a shared driveway. Kathy wrote a letter regarding the inability to look at the project due to snow cover. DES has acknowledged our comments.

C). Lynn Thomas – 2005-02349 has 30 days from February 28<sup>th</sup> to submit a restoration plan.

D). Lorsbach/Bushway – 2006-00975 Asgaard Rd also 30 days. This property must have been purchased since the original complaint.

C). Winn Johnson – Amy advised that Chet has a copy of the permit approval and conditions, but it does not appear as though it came to the Commission. The property owner installed the wall. DES made him remove it and re-build it.

**3). NRI proposal –** Cynthia Nichols. She would like guidance on the type of information that we are looking for an NRI. Cynthia will be using ArcView, which the Commission may or may not be able to use to manipulate the data from the NRI. The documents provided by Southwest Regional Planning Commission for the Master Plan do not take the place of a National Resource Inventory. Tom stated that he did not think water from any other Town flows into Chesterfield. Chesterfield water primarily flows out of Town. Tom wants to focus on wetlands mapping so that we know where wetlands are for subdivision and easement purposes. He would also like to identify unusual sites, such as Indian Pond and tupolo swamps. Steep slopes are also an issue the Commission is interested in. Cynthia presented a reference from Rachel Thiet. The Commission will discuss the NRI and get back to Cynthia as to how they would like her proposal revised. Cynthia would like to check in with the Commission periodically throughout the process. Tom stated that the Commission may be interested in joining her for her field work.

Kathy stated the Jeff Littleton would be coming to make a proposal next week. The Commission will be using money from the Conservation Fund for the NRI. Tom would like to write a statement for the applicants to base their proposal from.

**4). Grants, Events-** Tom reported that plans may be in the works for a hike from the Kilburn Trail Head to Brattleboro in the fall. Lunch would be at Indian Pond and dinner

at the Riverview Café. Tom just made contact with the Brattleboro Conservation Commission.

**5). Website** – Jeff showed the Commission how to post to the site. The website is now up & running. Let people know that the website is updated [chesterfieldoutdoors.com](http://chesterfieldoutdoors.com). Jeff would like to add a counter to the site.

**6). Trail Steward & Tools** –

A). Action GPS refused our check so Jeff ordered the item on line for \$286.75. The Town will void the original check, and reimburse Susan.

B). Tom has a couple of new addresses for the list. He will e-mail them to Amy.

C). Tom is waiting to hear back from Audrey's brother who owns the Route 63 property.

D). Tom has a contact @ Antioch New England, who is gathering a crew to bush whack the Perry property from Horatio Colony Preserve to Old Prouty Rd in Swanzey.

**7). Selectmen Report** – Tom thanked Jon for the dedication in the Town Report. Jon stated that he would be the representative for the Commission for the next year.

**8). Other** –

A). Revised Shoreland Protection Act due to take affect April 1<sup>st</sup>. Amy suggested having Arlene Allen, Shoreland Protection Outreach Coordinator, with her Power Point Presentation at the Summer Informational Meeting.

B). Cheshire County Corrections – Chris called Tom's house the day after our last meeting. Westmoreland Conservation Commission is interested in the property.

9). The next meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy will be Chairperson. Kathy advised that Jeff Littleton would be present at the next meeting for an NRI proposal. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

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Jeff Newcomer  
Chairman

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