

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2008**

Present: Bill Tyler, Chairman; Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; Tom Duston, Steve Fisher, Lynne Borofsky, Kathy Thatcher, and Amy LaFontaine

1). Visitors - Jeff Littleton was present to discuss the Commission's proposal for NRI. The Commission would like to know what areas in Town the Commission should be interested in preserving. The Time Frame for completion is still negotiable. Spring of this year has already been missed. There are volunteers that would be interested in helping with this project. Different Commission members are available at different times of the year. The Commission will extend the deadline to May 30th.

2). Tom moved to accept the April 23rd Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

3). New Permits –

A). Harry & Audrey Ericson – Minimum Impact Expedited for Beaver Solutions on Route 63. The application is Administratively Incomplete because no Natural Heritage Bureau Search (NHB) was submitted with the application. Kathy has tried to file electronically with her CC. She has paid for other expenses out of pocket as well which she will submitting for reimbursement. Amy will help her next week if she is still having trouble with the NHB search application.

B). B&K Aqua Club Standard Dredge & Fill to replace 2250 sq feet of beach sand on 90 feet of shore land. Kathy will write a letter.

4). Permits, Complaints, etc.-

A). Bruce Potter – 2008-00288 North Shore Road. DES has requested more information on May 9th. The Commission was unable to review the application because it was submitted in mid-winter.

B). Sandra Harris – 2008-00678 Complaint at 215 Route 9A.

C). Annette Davidson & BC Construction share the same Application #2003-00735 at 75 Tuttle Road. Annette Davidson is in Compliance. BC Construction is being held responsible for violations they committed on the property.

5). Grants & Events – Lew Shelley has completed the bridge to replace the ladder bridge. Lynne presented before and after photographs. He charged \$830 for his work. \$2,629 left from the grant to be spent by August 1st. Jake Borofsky and his friend Rob have installed 2 puncheon walkways along the trail. A puncheon walkway costs about \$350. Lew will be available again later in the summer for a couple more projects. Lynne would like to see another bridge beyond Jessie's Bridge at Indian Pond. There a couple of other spots in Friedsam that need walkways. Steve requested getting Granite Steps for the bridge at Madame Sherri's. Jon stated that Deb Hogancamp was trying to give away

granite stones. Lynne will catch up with Deb about the granite steps and as a clean-up person on the scenic byway. Tom will pick up the trailer one day next week.

The hike on May 4th to explore California Brook with Theresa Diluzio was cancelled because of rain. The Commission scheduled a hike on July 6th to practice the Big Hike from Kilburn Trail Head to Brattleboro for the fall. The middle would be Madame Sherri. The Monadnock Conservancy Annual Meeting will be August 23rd in Chesterfield.

6). Spofford Lake Report – Bill reported that the trend is to tear down old cottages and build new ones. The property owner usually puts up permanent protection @ lakefront. Tom requested that any violations witnessed be reported to Chet or file a complaint. The revised Shoreland Protection Act has been postponed until July 1st.

7). Website – Jeff reported to Tom that he has updated the website with a picture of the bridge. He apologized that he had not showed Lynne how to update the website.

8). Trail Stewards & Tools –

A). The Commission discussed the invoice from Ron Fish for Maintenance on the Brush Hog for \$215.30. Tom had to come in on Monday and approve the expenditure out of our budget. Amy did not feel comfortable approving that big an expenditure without bringing it to the meeting. The expense was discussed at a prior meeting. Tom requested that invoices be paid in a more timely fashion.

B). Steve would like to purchase topo maps for the new GPS. The cost is around \$119. Tom moved to authorize equipment expenditure to purchase topo maps for the GPS. The motion was seconded by Lynne and passed unanimously.

C). Tom would like to update our maps with the GPS.

9). Trail Development & Land Projects – The final amount of money for the Yankee Arrowhead property is being raised. The Monadnock Conservancy has pledged to match dollar to dollar donations. The balance to be raised is \$30,000. Anne Stokes has suggested requesting \$5,000 from her Mother's estate. The Commission has contributed \$50,000 to this project. TransCanada is a possible funding source.

10). Selectboard Report –

A). Jon reported that Tom and Lynne had come to the Selectboard about the Route 63 property. The Board felt that this was a good project for Conservation efforts. The Selectboard requested the Commission go into non-public session before discussing monetary issues regarding the property. Jon is in the process of contacting the property owner.

B). The Planning Board had a preliminary hearing on Monday for a Minor Subdivision with cluster development on Atherton Hill Road. The proposal is 5 house lots with 12 lot cluster subdivision. The property abuts Chesterfield Heights. It is owned by Brown Limited Partnership. The Contact Person is Elizabeth Principi. The Board is concerned about water, noise and the road. The application was continued until June 2nd.

C). There is a proposed 3-lot subdivision on Herrick Road. The frontage is extremely close for R/A. 5 acres and 400 feet of frontage are required. One lot has 401.1 feet of frontage and the second one has 400.1 feet.

D). The Town Offices will be closed on Friday May 30th for moving. An open house will be sponsored by Ocean Bank on June 21st. The Open House will feature local artists.

E). The Conflict of Interest policy was reviewed by the Commission.

11). The next meeting will be June 25th. Lynne will be Chair. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Bill Tyler
Chairman

Date: _____