

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

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

1). NRI – Jeff Littleton was present. The Commission handed over requested documents to Jeff, such as; information on the 6 protected streams that were adopted at Town Meeting, Southwest Regional Natural Resource Inventory, list of locations to advertise the Public Forum. The Commission will continue to look for a way to identify working farms. People who hay fields twice a year are considered active farms. Chickering, Mitchell, Kelleher Greenhouses, Hogancamps, Hubner, Vogely, Woodring have been identified as active farms. Jeff will get a cover letter to the Commission to hand out to people that we contact about the NRI. The date of the 1st Public Forum was chosen on November 19th. Tom signed the contract. Jeff will need to sign a W-2 in the Selectmen's Office. Amy will produce the approval for expenditure from the fund at the next meeting. Kathy is the contact person for Jeff. Lynne suggested Kathy keep track of checks disbursed to Jeff. Jeff Littleton departed at 8:15 PM.

2). Tom moved to approve the August 27th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously by the Commission.

3). Permits, Complaints, etc –

A). Harry & Audrey Ericson – 2008-00750 Minimum Impact Expedited Route 63 Beaver Solutions. Mike Callahan is writing responses to DES.

B). Thomas Dreyer – 2008-01538 Shoreland Impact Approved with Conditions 28 Silverdale Road. Correcting Drainage problem within 50 feet of the waterfront buffer. Frontage on Spofford Lake 97 Feet.

C). Protected Streams – It was voted at Town Meeting to enforce shoreland protection act as revised DES Shoreland Protection.

D). Norton – The Monadnock Conservancy was not notified about the Planning Board application. They are an easement holder. Tom has contacted Bill Thomas at DES.

4). Grants & Events –

A). Trails Bureau Grant has been closed. Three items are still open. \$20,000 will be available from NH Trails Bureau if the "Friedsam East" project comes to pass.

B). The November 1st hike will be co-sponsored with the Hinsdale Conservation Commission, The Brattleboro Conservation Commission, Friends of Pisgah and the Monadnock Conservancy. The hike will begin at 10 AM at the Kilburn Trail Head on Route 63. The hike will end at the Riverview Café. It will be a sit down dinner. Dessert is still up for discussion. There is \$757 left in the CCC budget in 2008. The CCC will provide miscellaneous nuts and crackers upon arrival at the Riverview after the hike. Amy will send the mailing list to Lynne & Tom for review.

5). **Website** – Jeff will post the event data on the website.

6). **Spofford Lake Report** – Bill stated that he would purchase a copy of Marty Potter's book for the Commission. It has pictures of every piece of lakefront property.

7). **Trail Stewards & Tools** – Steve taught Lynne how to use the Brush Hog. The blade broke. Lynne ordered 2 blades for \$104. She will ask for reimbursement when it arrives. Steve is in charge of ordering 2 sets of loppers from Florian.

8). **Trail Development & Land Projects** –

A). The Doyle/Fletcher easement is almost complete. The Selectmen agreed to allow 2 building sites in exchange for an easement. Emergency Services may need to come from Winchester. The Commission voted to donate \$5,000 in 2005 towards survey and legal fees. It may need to be revoted at the next meeting.

B). Steve moved to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 11(d). The motion was seconded by Lynne and passed unanimously.

9). **Other** –

A). The commission agreed to receive minutes and agendas by e-mail. Bill would still like his to come by regular mail.

B). The Commission has received notification from the PD about owl banding in Friedsam Forest from September 24th through November 22nd.

C). The Commission received a Thank-You from the Monadnock Conservancy.

D). Tom moved to approve the 2008 budget as presented with the addition of \$200 for postage. Pre-paid envelopes will need to be purchased some time next year. The total budget for 2008 is \$4,100. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously. There are no proposed warrant articles at this time.

E). Kathy will talk to the school about the grasses being mowed at the edge of the field. It has now created a swamp that could attract mosquitoes. A Complaint will be filed, if necessary.

F). The Trails Bureau is trying to get a snowmobile trail through Kilburn Parking Lot.

10). The next meeting will be October 22, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy LaFontaine
Secretary

Approved:

Steve Fisher
Chairman

Date: _____