

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2010**

Present: Jeff Newcomer, Chairman; Steve Fisher, Cliff Emery, Selectboard Representative; Kathy Thatcher, Tom Duston, David Wood, Lynne Borofsky and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

1). Stephen Lowe was present to observe. Cliff Emery was present as a Selectboard Representative to swear in Jeff Newcomer and Steve Fisher. The Commission's Selectboard rep, Jon McKeon, is in Westmoreland at a Planning Board meeting for Cersosimo Gravel Pit.

2). **Mail** – Stonewall Farm will be hosting a Farm Appreciation Night on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the Water Resource CT River Management Plan for the Wantastiquet Region was received.

3). Lynne moved to approve December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

4). **Permits, Complaints** – The Commission discussed the DES tracking report to remove some of the approved and final complaints. DES does not have enough staff to properly enforce the wetlands violations. The Selectboard is trying to be sure that wetlands complaints are looked at by the Town's Code Enforcement.

A). Jeff Dunham – 102 Old Ferry Road Shoreland Impact 2009-02890 to impact 4800 Square Feet on the CT River to construct a retaining wall to stabilize the slope approved with conditions.

B). Julie Champagne – 1B Silverdale Ave Shoreland Impact 2009-02495 building a new cottage on the same footprint that will be slightly bigger than the existing cottage. There will need to be a demolition permit as well as a new building approved with conditions.

C). Frank Underwood – 309 River Road Shoreland Impact 2009-02890 to impact 1290 square feet to remove the house and rebuild with a new septic, reduced driveway and remove sidewalk approved with conditions. 1,297 square feet beyond the primary building setback must remain unaltered to comply with RSA's. Cliff stated that this went before the Zoning Board and is in the best interest to the Town to move the house.

D). PPT Inc – Red Road Shoreland Permit

E). Forecastle Timber – Forestry Notification primarily in California Brook.

5). **Event** – There is not enough snow for the snowshoe hike on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will reschedule it for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

6). **Spofford Lake Report** – David is looking for Lake Hosts. He will contact Cliff Lerner about High School Students. The pay is \$10 per hour. There are about 40 Hours per week. The Commission recommended posting an ad at Stowaway Marine, Antioch, the library and Town Meeting. Tom will look for a contact at Keene State.

7). **Website** – Jeff stated that there was nothing new. He is looking for something to post.

8). **Tools** – The Commission needs Loppers and Clippers. Kathy will buy a pair of overalls for wading. Cliff suggested Cabella's.

**9). Land Projects** – NHACC would like to do a Power Point presentation for successful Conservation Commissions. They have chosen Chesterfield. Tom is looking for photos from Daniels Mountain Trail in 1999 and the Anne Stokes Loop opening. Tom will send what he has to Lynne by the end of next week. There is a Monadnock Conservancy Community Conservation Partnership Land Conservation Leadership Training. This is a series of 5 to 6 workshops three hours per night, one night per week. There is a fee for this course. The Selectboard advised the Commission to do a poster for the Budget Committee Public Hearing about the NRI and the article from the Star Spangled Banner.

**9). Selectboard Report** – Cliff reported that the Budget Committee public hearing is this Saturday at 1 & 3. There was an energy audit on the Town Hall. There is a warrant article for \$129,000 to replace the furnace at the Town Hall. The Highway Garage also has a warrant article for a solar electrical upgrade. The Town will be applying for Grant Money. If the grant isn't received the money won't be spent. The School will also be undergoing an energy audit next year. The Grant process is different for the School. The Town is trying to get the liens lifted off the Ultrasonics site. The old Town Office building will cost \$27 to \$28 Thousand to tear it down. It will cost about \$2,000 to maintain. Dutch Walsh is trying to put together a Foundation to take care of it. The Selectboard would prefer not to spend \$30,000 of taxpayer dollars to tear it down if it can be used.

The Selectboard have looked at properties taken for tax liens to see if they could be logged. There is not enough wood to make it profitable. The Selectboard does not have permission to sell off Town owned property. They would still need Conservation Commission and Planning Board approval. The Selectboard have made payment arrangements with several landowners who are in arrears on taxes. Only 3 building permits were issued last year. The Conservation Fund did not receive a lot of money last year because there wasn't a lot of land removed from Current Use.

**10). Other** –

A). The Commission reviewed the bills from Department of Corrections for signs. Tom believes that he has the 5 signs. The Handicap sign does not belong to the CCC. Tom will check the # of signs and let Amy know.

B). The Commission reviewed the annual report.

C). Kathy presented an application for Land & Water Conservation Funds. The application is due October 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a 50/50 matching grant for the acquisition of public outdoor recreational areas. \$300,000 is available for NH.

11). The next meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. David will be the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

Approved:

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Jeff Newcomer  
Chairman

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