

Litchfield Conservation Commission
January 5, 2017
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
2 Liberty Way

Minutes Approved 2/2/2017

Members Present: Tom Levesque – Chairman
Joan McKibben – Vice Chairman
Sharon Jones
Roger St. Laurent
Richard Husband
Michael Croteau – Alternate

Absent: Marion Godzik
Selectmen's Rep: Brent Lemire

Called to order 7:01 PM by Tom Levesque

In attendance to discuss Merrimack River Access: Rich Lascelles, Litchfield State Representative, Jason Brennan and Pete Psaledis from 'Litchfield What's Up' and Dr. Gene Berg and Mrs. Margaret Berg, Litchfield Residents.

I. New Business:

- **Merrimack River Access** – In June 2016 Jason Brennan and Pete Psaledis did a survey asking Litchfield Residents what 'fun' ideas are needed in Town. #1 answer was River Access for kayaking/canoeing. # 2 was connecting the bike path to the back of the library making easy and safe access for the kids to ride their bikes to school. #3 Farmland protection. #4 shade or ornamental trees on Albuquerque? They had 1900 responses! The responses indicated people would be interested in working on some of these different things. Joan McKibben suggests a sub-committee, she volunteered to be on the sub-committee as did Roger St. Laurent. Mrs. McKibben mentions maybe Mr. Lascelles could help with funding from Donna Soucy, NH Senator who represents Litchfield. Tom Levesque asks how many people for the committee, Mrs. McKibben said 5, Mr. Lascelles said 7. Dr. Berg asks if there is any access to the River from Manchester – east. Roger St. Laurents states yes by the airport, Merrimack has access and Nashua at Greeley Park has access. Mrs. McKibben mentions near Moores Falls by Darcol Stables along the power lines as possible access as Litchfield Police Department with four wheel drive in the police vehicles could now patrol it. Mrs. Berg asks the question would vehicle parking be included for river access. Mrs. McKibben said yes, Mrs. Berg there is a lot of trash that flows in the river, (the Berg's property abuts the River) if people were using it

she is afraid that trash problem would get worse. LCC to put an ad in the Hudson Litchfield News asking for volunteers to the sub-committee and on 'What's Up Litchfield. Mrs. Berg states she would like to be on the sub-committee. Mr. Brennan asks what other pieces of property could be possibilities, Joan McKibben said Moore's Falls, across from the Library on 3A there are 8 acres. Mr. Brennan than asks about the river banks there, Mrs. McKibben recently walked the property with New Hampshire Fish and Game. Another piece of property is a recent purchase on the river, which abuts the Bergs, it would interfere with the farming. Tom Levesque said what about 'the cellar hole' across from the church near the food pantry, Joan McKibben there is a gulley there size is less than an acre. Mrs. Berg commented that would be a good spot because of proximity to the Litchfield Fire Dept., the piece would need engineering and grading.

LCC to re-address in February and put a sub-committee together.

- **Annual Report** – is due, Joan McKibben looking for input.

II. **Old Business:**

- **Moore's Falls timber harvest**, Joan McKibben and Roger St. Laurent walked the property with Forester from Fort Mountain Companies, cutting delayed.

III. **Other Business:**

- Rain fall report - Roger St. Laurent with December report - 5.83 liquid precipitation, 21.03 inches of snow, on Dec 1st at 44 degrees was the warmest day and Dec 19th at -3 degrees was the coldest day .

Approval of Minutes:

Richard Husband Motions to accept December Minutes, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 5-0-1.

Richard Husband Motions to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Roger St. Laurent 2nds, **Motion carries 6-0-0.**

Next Meeting(s) Thursday February 2, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary