

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

Minutes approved 3/9/2017

Members Present: Tom Levesque – Chairman
Joan McKibben – Vice Chairman
Sharon Jones
Roger St. Laurent
Richard Husband
Michael Croteau – Alternate
Selectmen’s Rep: Brent Lemire

Absent: Marion Godzik

Called to order 7:00 PM by Tom Levesque

In attendance Andy Prolman, Esq., to discuss proposed building in Litchfield’s north end, commercial site.

In attendance to discuss Merrimack River Access: Subcommittee members, Pete Psaledis and Jason Brennan from ‘Litchfield What’s Up’ also Tony Rosa, Chris Burns, Luanna Vollmer, Margaret Berg, Wayne Bortle, John Bryant, Diane Plansky, Jillian Bejtlich, Mathew LaBrie, Steven Gannon Litchfield Residents and Rich Lascelles, Litchfield State Representative.

I. New Business:

- **Andy Prolman Esq.,** - to introduce a project being introduced to the Town soon. Mr. Prolman is representing Erickson Construction Co., Inc. Hudson NH, they do sun rooms, additions, decks, garages, siding etc., they currently have twenty employees. Erickson Construction currently has an agreement with the Colby Family to buy 12 acres at the north end of Town off of Charles Bancroft Highway. They plan on coming into LCC as well as the Planning Board; the plan includes a 15,000 square

foot one story building which would consist of an office and showroom in front, and a training facility. The back of the building would be storage as well as outside storage. Parking would consist of a paved driveway which will take up some area that Charlie McQuesten has farmed. They will file for a wetlands special exception as there would be buffer impact along Colby Brook, there is a wetland crossing and existing culvert. Mr. Prolman is planning to introduce the project to the Planning Board next week. Mr. Prolman would like the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to do a site walk together. Hearings would be set for early April, CLD Consulting Engineers from Manchester NH is the Engineering Firm on the project.

- **River Access Subcommittee** –(RSA 36 A-2 The commission may appoint such clerks and other employees or subcommittees as it may from time to time require.) See above for attendance. Tom Levesque goes over Sub-Committee outline:
 - To access the Merrimack River either by boat on trailer or car-top boat
 - Location: Research public and private land
 - Access to the site, how far from Rte. 3A, visibility of the site for public and Litchfield P.D.
 - Parking and Trailer Storage
 - No funds allocated or spent by the sub-committee
 - The sub-committee reports back to the Conservation Commission

Tom Levesque thinks 60 days for the sub-committee's findings; Joan McKibben thinks that is unrealistic maybe more like 90 days.

Diane Plansky asks, have we done this before? Tom Levesque said New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHF&G) owns property across from the library, they would have to have handicap access and the grading is too much, it would cost a lot. Steve Gannon asks he hears that there are four parcels (Town owned) that could be used; this was discussed at the January meeting. Kevin Lynch (Litchfield Building Inspector) to Joan McKibben to look at private as well as public areas. Kevin Lynch would be a great resource. Tom Levesque mentions surrounding communities were supposed to have river access as well. Raymond Wiczorek Drive area might be a possibility. Rich Lascelles mentions there is a bike path up there as well but never thought about a boat ramp there. Mr. Lascelles asks, how is the water by the bridge, Roger St. Laurent answers good in the summer, there is another access across the river under 293, the river runs 'fast' there.

The first meeting of the sub-committee is February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Berg asks, how often they will meet. The sub-committee will set up a site walk, Joan McKibben will go over all Litchfield Properties, and Roger St. Laurent asks if Pennichuck is doing work in the area could they help out with access? There is a Federal Owned parcel along the river that was once to be a fish hatchery, Pennichuck is crossing the river there. Steve Gannon asks, are there swimming areas, Roger St. Laurent states south of St. Francis the water is calm, north of that the water is rough. Mrs. Berg states there are motor boats that go along the river; Tom Levesque states they put them in at the Nashua boat ramp. Jason Brennan mentions he has a lot of topo maps, Rich Lascelles mentions if there is anything he can do, and he will gladly do so. Roger St. Laurent asks Rich Lascelles if he could speak to 'the powers that be' regarding the Raymond Wiczorek area and also to NHG&G with what they own in Town. Roger St. Laurent also asks, should we get in

touch with the Manchester Conservation Commission to join in with Litchfield; it would benefit them as well! Rich Lascelles ask Brett Lemire if he has any connections in Concord. The sub-committee all left at 7:30.

Tom Levesque appoints Mike Croteau to the open seat.

- **Old Business:**

Moore's Falls Timber Harvest – Joan McKibben, Roger St. Laurent and Sharon Jones recently did a site walk with Patrick Kenney, Forester from Fort Mountain Companies, Roger talks about the site walk. Maybe in the spring LCC to do a 'public' walk and post it on Facebook. Brett Lemire mentions his neighbor told him you can still see a very old Indian Trail in that area.

- **Other Business:**

Harry Menziken is interested in becoming an alternate on the Conservation Commission; he will be at the next meeting in March.

- Rain fall report - Roger St. Laurent – 9.25" of snow in January, 2.57" liquid precipitation. The coldest day was 1/8/17 at -4 degrees; the warmest day was 1/10/17 at 44 degrees.

Approval of Minutes:

Roger St. Laurent Motions to accept January Minutes, Joan McKibben 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-1.

Roger St. Laurent Motions to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Brett Lemire 2nds, **Motion carries 6-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary