

Litchfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved 11/1/2018

October 4th, 2018

Members Present: Joan McKibben, Chair; Thomas Levesque, Vice-Chair; Matt Lepore; Michael Croteau; Roger St. Laurent.

Members Absent: Sharon Jones, Marion Godzik, Alternate; Jack Curtin, Alternate; Kevin Bourque, Selectmen's Rep.

Members of the Public Present: Andrew Thompson, Jayson Brennan, Margaret Norton, Andrea Destefano, 3 members of the local Girl Scout troop, Lindsey White of GZA and Matt Cardin, Eversource Rep.

Chair Joan McKibben calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- 1 Attorney Andy Prolman representing Mels Funway Park: Asking for support of a waiver request regarding parking. No obligation for support. Michael Croteau abstains, planning board chair. Mel's submitted app to planning board for bumper boats and temporary structures. Durochers land used for parking. Used as cornfield in season. Across from Jerry's Garage. Treat like commercial parking. Mel's do want to consider it to be an impervious surface. Temporary fencing and lighting and crew. Asking for parking waiver from planning to keep parking area from being paved. It works as is. 24 nights of spooky world in a season. Asking conservation for their support. Planning a site walk with PB and CC. Chair and Vice-Chair believe it doesn't should be paved. No members protest.
- 2 Eversource-GZA Lindsay White of GZA and Matt Cardin of Eversource. Maintenance of powerline. Application on wetlands needed, CC asked for comment. 24 poles being replaced. 2.7 miles. Temporary work will cause transient damage. Timber matting used to minimize damage. Joan asks for a timeline. Mr. Cardin says dredge and fill permit to be completed by the end of the month. Eversource will start end of Nov into Dec. Mr. Cardin continues that permits will be submitted end of the month. Duration of 4 months. Lindsay: NH Coordinated with state agencies, monitoring for wildlife. Mitigation fund could be used to fund projects in town. Commissioner Lepore: find projects we have ready that might need funding. Joan discusses restoration of foot paths in Parker Park. Mr. Cardin says work must be completed before funding. Commissioner Lepore says we could use bridges at Birch. Purpose and need for bridges would need to be presented. Towns may apply for grants after. Chair McKibben discussed contacting ZBA regarding the need for a special exception from the ZBA. Commissioner St. Laurent asks what material the posts are made from. Mr. Cardin says they are recycled poles made of weathered steel. Possible difference in height. Commissioner St. Laurent says he saw them replacing the lines. Chair McKibben asks where the poles will be

- replaced. Mr. Cardin says the ones within the boxes will be replaced. Wetlands will see minor impact. Chair McKibben asks if workers will be instructed on wildlife present. Ms. White says yes. Snakes and reptiles are a concern. They will be discussed. Environmental impact will be discussed. LCC will receive fill and dredge permit.
- 3 NHACC- Jack is willing to go, Matt cannot. Andrew Thompson volunteers to go.
- 4 Andrew GPS- Background of GIS. He can get a professional certification. Needs community service. Did workshop in Cornish. 10 attended. Uses projector and room. Hands-on portion. LCC asked to sponsor. Chair McKibben asks for timeframe. He says fall. Possibly November. He says we can reach out to Cornish. Chair McKibben says time to publicize needed. Andrew says no more than 20 people.
- 5 Wetland violation- Abutter has ATV's out on town property on wetlands. On map 14. No ATV's allowed. LCC sent out letter. The abutter responded the problem seems to have stopped. Discussed ATV use.
- 6 Naming Birch Street-Commissioner Lepore proposed changing the name of the property to Fallen Birch. The suggestion failed 3-2 by an informal vote.
- 7 Moore's Falls Improvement: Jayson Brennan suggested using beautification funds to improve MF. Fences and Granite to be placed. Rocks donated. Fence donated, pay for sign. Volunteers will install. Talked with BOS, got approval to take up to \$400 out of fund. Asked if CC will help fund and if we approve it. We ask about maintenance and equipment. DR mower needs work. Vice-Chair Levesque asks what LCC needs to provide. Mr. Brennan says BOS wants to know if LCC has the funds to help. Tom says we can contribute \$400. Vice-Chair Levesque motions, Commissioner Croteau seconds 5-0-0. Mr. Brennan then discusses fencing along powerlines.
- 8 LCC Seal – No change needed. Chair McKibben mentions a seal for the Commission already exists on sweatshirts.
- 9 Tree down at Moore's Falls. Members inquire about the location of the chainsaw. The discussion includes the status of other power equipment in the shed.
- 10 Clean up day – Chair McKibben suggests a spot clean. Commissioner Levesque suggests waiting until after election day.
- 11 Rainfall report – 17.6 inches of rain for September. One day alone was 5".
- 12 Girl Scouts request volunteer opportunities with LCC. Chair and Vice-Chair discuss placing flowers. Commissioner St. Laurent says we must provide the bulbs. Vice-Chair Levesque says we can plan spring projects for them. Chair McKibben says the troop can help with the Hendrick memorial tree, which needs pruning. Andrea Destefeno helps represent the troop.
- 13 Nov. 1st next meeting.
- 14 August and May minutes.
- 15 August minutes: Commissioner St. Laurent makes motion then Vice-Chair Levesque seconds. 5-0-0
- 16 May minutes: Commissioner St. Laurent makes a motion, Commissioner Lepore seconds. 5-0-0
- 17 Adjourn Vice-Chair Levesque makes a motion, Commissioner Croteau seconds. 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Lepore, Litchfield Conservation Commission