

Litchfield Conservation Commission
June 6, 2019
Town Hall Conference Room 2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved

In attendance: Joan McKibben, Tom Levesque, Harry Menzigian, Steve Webber, Roger St.Laurent, Matt Lapore, Jack Curtin, Michael Croteau, Marion Godzik, Andrew Thompson (alternate)

(7:01) Joan calls the meeting to begin. No public comments.

(7:02) Jim Petropulos with Rick Charbonneau discuss modifications to the property of 517 and 519 Charles Bancroft Hwy. They describe the property and features with Leach Brook bi-secting it. They are looking to improve the property by adding 20 new parking spaces. They need to clear then pave a portion of the property. They are looking to install a stormwater basin with a pipe running to Leach Brook. They also said that the house will be updated. Roger suggest that if it is possible to have future owners be subject to low salt restrictions for that parking area.

(7:16) 522 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Theroux Properties, LLC and Theroux Development, LLC, request for special exception. Joan talks about Litchfield zoning ordinance section 1208, to allow a stormwater retention pond in the wetlands conservation district which is otherwise prohibited. A request for a variance from Litchfield Zoning Ordinance Article 1250 section 1253, aquifer protection district, to allow a storage facility in the aquifer protection district which is otherwise prohibited. There has been no update to the construction plans from October, 2018. Joan will go to the zoning board meeting to get further details. Commission would like to see an updated plan and to get more information from the planning board.

(7:32) Jason went to the May 13th meeting for a trail grant from the state of NH. Money goes to motorized and non-motorized trails. Money is awarded in September and given out the next year. The town would pay upfront any costs and get reimbursed. Joan suggests Parker Park for the grant money. Stagecoach is another possibility. Parker Park needs trails repaired and some tree removal. Matt will look into filling out the forms and Andrew can create an area map.

(7:38) Cutler road property entrance is not accessible. Needs discussion.

(7:40) Harry has been working on the kiosk signs and padlocks. Parker Park is in poor condition. He could not close it to lock it up. Moores falls kiosk is also in poor condition. Possible sophomore projects could be to help repair those kiosks. Also the commission could reach out

to senior citizens to see if they would like to help as well. Dog bag stands/boxes will be researched for installing at properties.

(7:49) Rules of conduct for conservation areas. Hudson has a sign that can be used to model a sign for Litchfield. The commission agrees to keep all the current rules that the Hudson sign has on it. The signs could be covered by grant if awarded.

(8:03) Rainfall report: 7.6 inches of rain in May.

(8:04) July meeting will be canceled.

(8:08) Matt says there should be "No Parking" signs in front of the gate at Moores Falls.

(8:10) Roger motions to adjourn and Matt seconds.

Next meeting will be held August 1st.