

Litchfield Conservation Commission  
August 1, 2019  
Town Hall Conference Room 2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 10/3/2019

In attendance: Tom Levesque, Harry Menzigan, Steve Webber, Roger St.Laurent, Matt Lepore, Michael Croteau, Marion Godzik, John Curtin (alternate), Andrew Thompson (alternate)

Members absent: Joan McKibben

(7:00) Tom calls the meeting to begin. No public comments.

(7:00) Tom appoints John C. to voting member.

(7:01) Nick Golon from Eversource is introduced. He is appearing before the commission to discuss work being done on the W157 tap line on the Passaconaway golf course. They will be installing a new switching station. Wetland impact of around 2,427 square feet will be permanent. No clearing will be involved. A vote for a memo to be written to the zoning board saying that the commission has no issues with the project. Tom motions and Roger seconds, Michael abstains from the vote. Memo passes.

(7:15) Sophomore projects. Tiernan Sullivan of Litchfield and Colby Carey of Litchfield are introduced to the commission. They are looking to help improve the trails for Parker Park. They would also like to begin monitoring activities after storms for the conservation properties. They need 30 hours or more. Another project that is proposed for them to do is to help repair the kiosks at the parks. Once they complete some of the tasks they could display their work in HLN and social media.

(7:20) Tayden Rodonis is also looking for opportunities for a sophomore project. The commission suggests helping with maintenance and creation of trails on page road.

(7:23) Darrah Pond millfoil problem, what can be done? The commission discusses how it could be removed from the pond before it becomes a complete takeover of the pond. There are machines and chemicals that can do it but there is a cost. The state won't cover costs because it isn't the invasive kind of millfoil. Overall maintenance of properties is poor and there needs to be an effort to correct that in the future.

(7:32) Rainfall report. June: 12.7 inches of rain. July: 10.5 inches of rain.

(7:35) Moores falls is in bad shape. There is glass and possibly syringes that Matt has found on the property. Matt has notified the police station of the activity.

(7:40) New chainsaws. There is 1 on loan and 1 that was given.

(7:45) Approval of minutes will be moved to september.

(7:47) Jayson Brennan is introduced to the commission. He is seeking permission to replace the gate a Moores Falls. The commission approves of the new gate. He is also looking to have the properties mowed. The brush mower is fixed and can do much of the work now. Moores Falls is in desperate need of it and there needs to be some solution. Possible town help or ask for volunteers. He also brings up that the old town hall location needs cleaning up. Possibly can reach out to the highway department.

(7:56) Tom motions to adjourn and Matt seconds. All members vote yes.

Next meeting will be held September 5th.