

## Litchfield Conservation Commission Meeting

Meeting called to order Monday, 1/04/2021 at 7:00 pm in Town hall 6'  
social distancing due to Covid 19 pandemic

Minutes approved on February 4, 2021

In Attendance (Roll call not taken by secretary's observation the following were present)

Joan McKibben Chair

Tom Levesque Vice Chair

Dianne Plansky Secretary (alternate)

Matt Lepore

Michael Croteau

Roger St Laurent

Harry Menzigian

Marion Godzick (alternate)

Andrew Thompson (alternate)

1st point of business –Amy Hinton presented various scavenger hunt ideas including children, adults and a sensory hunt. She presented a badge that could be earned by participants for completing the hunts with an eye to continuing with various badges. The reaction was mixed with Joan and Tom feeling it was more a rec activity, although Joan liked the idea of getting people outside and educating re: leave no trace. Harry and Matt were in support and Andrew felt it was broad but could perhaps have more detail re: historic items to find or note. Joan suggested Dianne work with Amy.

2<sup>nd</sup> point of business – Site work for Gas station at **522 Charles Bancroft Hwy. Tax map 22 lot 11**. Present were Jim Petropulos, P.E. Hayner /Swanson, Inc., Rene

Theroux, Owner/Applicant, Marc Jacobs, Certified Wetland Scientist, and Atty Morgan Hollis. This property abuts Moores Falls Conservation land and there are wetlands present on the land. There is a 50' no disturbance buffer area from the wetlands. None of the wetlands are impacted by the project, the impact will be to the 50' no disturbance area. Jim Petropulos described all the areas using maps of the survey and suggested a site walk so that the area could be viewed by members. Jim also went into the various ways that storm water would be handled as the paving of the area will create runoff. Outlet control structures that would separate oil and water, sediment basins, jute matting. He suggested that the water would be moved down to where the storage facilities are to create less impact. Joan asked if this was going to outlet to the brook and Jim replied it currently was and would show more during the site walk. Saturday, January 9 site walk set at 10 am. Joan also asked if the NH Natural Heritage Bureau was contacted Jim was unsure but mention that it would be done as well as Wild Life Survey. Andrew asked if Vernal pools were found and Marc Jacobs replied that there were no signs of Vernal pools. Jim mentioned that the property was 75% open only using 25%. Site walk needs to be publicly posted and Joan will do that.

3<sup>rd</sup> point of business – – Andrew- Online mapping tool. Bumped from last month. Andrew not aware there were action items on it but he and Joan will get together this month. More info next month.

4<sup>th</sup> Point of business- Moores Falls – Matt- found 1 needle 2 caps on the shoreline-no trail cameras set up yet. Joan reported motorized vehicle damage to embankment of the old trolley way to the Litchfield police. Joan has bright orange plastic fencing she may put up. Matt will put up more sign no motorized vehicles. Matt put up some bottlenecks via logs to narrow the trail to prevent motorized vehicles but they have been moved already. Roger asked if the bunny program was still releasing bunnies and Joan said no.

Joan got the verbage for the damaged eagle scout signs regarding the history of the canal system. The signs hopefully will be repaired in the spring.

Joan requested the Highway dept plow the parking lot.

5<sup>th</sup> point of business— Joan- Warrant article reversing commission use of land acquisition money for uses other than buying land that passed in December was voted to reverse that vote motion done by Roger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry passed 6-0-0

6<sup>th</sup> point of business- October meeting notes approved. Joan has November and December minutes that she will apply her corrections to and approve next month along with the January meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> point of business-state forest business-Matt received communication from the state forest Manager directed by email to him that Billy Kunelius, Forester, NH Division of Forest and Lands saying that he had closed down 2 unauthorized trails in the State Forest. These trails were referred to as twin bridges and Calvins Loop. He had also found illegal blazing. He has blocked these trails. Joan asked Matt about a local group that was looking to maintain trails. Matt said they haven't had any activity. Matt wants to put up signage where the state forest ends and town land begins.

Rainfall/precipitation – Roger – was on vacation no report

Moved to non-public NHRSA 91-A:3 via roll call vote 8:07

There were no votes taken in non-public.

Motion to adjourn was made and duly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Minutes recorded by [Dianne Plansky](#)

Non-public

Joan and Dianne plan to meet with Marion Colby to discuss her plans for her property at 318 Charles Bancroft Hwy.