

Litchfield Conservation Commission  
March 4, 2021  
Litchfield Town Hall, 2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved on 4/1/2021

In attendance: Joan McKibben, Tom Levesque, Roger St. Laurent, Matt Lepore, Steve Webber, Harry Menzigan, Kevin Lynch, Andrew Thompson (alternate), Dianne Plansky (alternate), John Curtin (alternate), Marion Godzik (alternate).

Members absent: Michael Croteau

(7:02) Joan calls the meeting to order in the large conference room. Member roll call commences. No public comments.

(7:03) Andrew is appointed to a voting member.

(7:03) Member reappointment for Matt Lepore. Harry motions to recommend, Joan seconds. Vote is 6-0-1.

(7:04) Moores Falls help from Chris Doughaty from Manchester NH. Joan to provide more information.

(7:05) Map 5 Lot 164 with a 3 acre donation. It is adjacent to Cardinal Lane. The conservation members review the parcel maps. The parcel is classified as wetland. It was professionally surveyed. It is up for review from selectman. This parcel would help connect other town parcels.

(7:09) Conservation Commission lands survey conducted by Joan and Michael. They took an inventory of CC lands. Moores Falls needs attention because of a sinkhole.

(7:11) The CC wants to set up a time with the Recreation Department to discuss Parker Park. Matt will contact to set a meeting time.

A natural resources inventory needs to be completed. The April 1st meeting will bring an update to it. Stage Crossing follow up for access. The legal current access is between units 22 and 24. Proposed new access would be before unit 4. Diane will follow up.

(7:23) Joan mentions there might be a NH DES meeting on wetland permitting on March 9th. Andrew will look into it to see how to attend. - Note, there was no meeting scheduled.

(7:25) Educational tours for the Spring and Fall conducted by members of the CC. Joan has a guide on how to design a field walk and it is passed out to the members. One suggestion is to have other activities while out on the walk. Examples are plant ID and animal sign ID.

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(7:30) On March 2nd the Litchfield Planning Board reviewed the proposed multifamily housing on a 39 acres parcel at 540 Charles Bancroft Highway, tax map 22 lot 14. The developer discussed having the back field left for open space. The CC discussed the field because it would attach to Moores Falls.

(7:35) Joan passed out documents for zoning ordinances and wetland conservation districts for the town.

(7:40) Diane discusses a community garden. She looked into it and found that GMS had one across the street at one time. Diane put up a poll to the litchfield facebook group to see what kind of interest there was from the public. She had 342 respond with overall positive results. 64 responded that they would actively use the space if created. One possible location is a field at the end of Pinecrest. There would be a need to set up rules for use. Talk to Steve Normanton about the property.

(7:48) On April first meeting there will be elections for the commission.

(7:49) Rainfall report: 14.5 inches of snow and <2inches of rain.

(7:51) Joan passed out some cards for trails by the NH Fish and Game.

(7:52) Litchfield ZBA will look at the proposed gas station. CC wrote a letter to approve the wetland buffer impacts to the ZBA.

(7:53) Litchfield Trail Committee. Map 17 Lot 4, 5 and 10, to propose trails.

(7:55) Harry asks about a winery coming to Litchfield and where it would be located.

(7:57) Matt put signage at Lonely Fort Trail for caution of thin ice.

(7:58) Andrew asks Joan if the Online Mapping tool has been requested yet. Joan has not completed the form and Asks Andrew to do so. April 1st meeting will discuss tool options further.

(7:59) February Meeting notes. Change the meeting location to town hall. Roger motions to accept and Harry 2nds. Kevin abstatins. Vote: 6-0-1.

(8:03) Roger motions to adjourn, Tom 2nds, Vote: 7-0-0.

Minutes Recorded by  
Andrew Thompson