



Litchfield Conservation Commission

Litchfield Town Hall, 2 Liberty Way

Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2021

Minutes Approved 10/7/21

1. In Attendance

Members Present: Matt Lepore, Kevin Lynch, Harry Menzigan, Dianne Plansky, Jayson Brennen, John Curtain

Members Absent: Joan McKibben, Michael Croteau, Luanna Vollmer, Andrew Thompson

Others in Attendance: Juliette Enfield, 3 Grove Ct

2. Call to Order

Chairman Matt Lepore calls the meeting to order at 6:38pm

3. Public Non-Agenda Business

None

4. New Business

A) Farmers Market-Juliette Enfield (6:40pm)

Ms. Enfield proposes a farmers' market that would be held weekly at the town hall gazebo area. It would include wares from local farms. She has experience running and start up of these markets. It would run between June and September. The commission suggested she put together a plan with the names of farms that would agree to participate at start up. She will work with Dianne to meet and speak with the local farmers in town and develop that plan.

6:55-APPOINTED JOHN CURTAIN AS VOTING MEMBER

B) Lonely Fort-ADA compliance-Matt (6:56pm)-New building inspector has been working hard to catch up. Tabled for this meeting.

C) Fishing derby update-Harry (6:57)-

Harry met with Gene Ducharme, Owner of the chase brook pond, and Paul Lemire resident that brought up restarting derby. Gene does not want to dredge pond unless town pays for it. Dam is in disrepair due to 3 beaver dams backing up water upstream of pond. Gene will volunteer to repair dam if beavers are dealt with. Town has a trapper. Kevin will get contact info to Harry for trapper and contact the residents that the beavers are active on. Three other locations were discussed that were found to be not desirable so ruled out.

Londonderry Fish and Game-Not local

Darrah Pond-too hot

Parker Park-very narrow and small for a derby and fish when stocked will go right out to river.

Harry will call trapper contact and state. Kevin will contact neighbors. Harry also mentioned that hunting season for bears has begun and time to wear orange in the woods

D) Property inspection schedule-Matt- (7:12pm)

Meet at town hall at 9 am Sunday, September 12, 2021 to inspect the properties owned by conservation at Page and Cutler roads.

E) Land Acquisition Fund uses-Matt-(7:16)

Board needs copy of warrant article referring to this from 2014 and also the state law RSA 36 so that all may read and a discussion can be had regarding adjusting this warrant article from 2014. Jay will be sending out both to all members please read so that you are able to be part of this discussion next month.

F) Land Preservation plan-Jayson-(7:19pm)

Jay put out a poll last month to the conservation commission and one to other town boards regarding the attributes of land that are most important to these groups that be purchased to conserve/preserve in town. Another poll will be done in September to the general public asking the same of them. After all this info is gathered Jay will do presentation for our October meeting to make a plan for looking at land to purchase in comparison to these priorities. It is requested that if you got this poll to take it. Jay will provide Dianne with the current info graphs and it will be added to these minutes.

G) Land Management and Communications Policy-Matt-(7:31)

Matt presented corrected copy of Conservation Commission Communication Policy with corrections from last meeting. There are a couple of other grammar changes to be made then the document is complete. Matt asked if members felt it should be added to the Bylaws.

Motion: Kevin Lynch made a motion to add the document to the commission bylaws.

2nd: Harry M.

Discussion-Friendly addition by Jayson Brennan to use incorporate rather than add to motion.

Vote: passes 6-0-0

Matt discussed the Land Management policy that is still outstanding and it was tabled to be reintroduced to next meeting. Matt will send out again.

5. Old Business

A) **Land Acquisition Fund Cap Warrant article-Matt-(7:40)**

Wording for new warrant article has been done by Matt. Kevin says it should be an amendment of Warrant article 16 rather than a new article. Matt will be getting that to Troy to review then on to the Selectman. Goal of article amendment is to remove account limit of 1,000,000 to 2.5 mil.

B) **Muster Field Trail -Matt-(7:43pm)**

Trail has been begun. Dianne and Jay offered to help. Kevin has spoken to property owner of Apartment building to get permission to continue the trail behind the apartment. He will continue those discussions and keep the board informed.

C) **Leave no Trace Signs-Jayson-(7:47)**

Jayson showed us 3 new signs for Moores Falls. LEAVE NO TRACE, CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG, HIKING TRAIL. Jay will post these signs at Moores falls for the commission.

6. Other Business

A) **October 7 meeting (7:49pm)**

The meeting will be held at the fire station as the budget committee needs the specific capabilities of the town hall meeting room. LCTV will be able to tape and broadcast the meeting as usual. Next meeting October 7th at the fire station at 6:30.

B) **Weather Matt (7:51pm)**

August Rain 2.88", High Temp 99 deg, 11 mph wind. New weather station not running yet.

C) Community garden-Dianne (7:56pm)

Hard pack has been approved to be put in for parking area. Steve has mowed now we will put in staked plot areas. Now that it is cooler id like to get people together to put in the center (Center Garden)

D) Conservation Budget -Matt (7:58)

Budget has been presented to and reviewed by Selectman. Next step it goes to Budget Committee.

E) Correspondence- (8:01) received a notice from DES that Mels has filed and alteration of Terrain to change for parking. Tax map 20-17

F) Equipment purchase-Jayson (8:03)

Pending still due to discussion with Recreation.

G) Approval of August 5th meeting notes-Dianne

Motion: Matt to accept minutes

2nd: Kevin

Vote 5-0-1 Jack abstained as not present for meeting

Approval of non public and sealed

Motion: Kevin to accept and seal minutes

2nd : Harry M

Passed 6-0-0

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting and to go into non-public session per RDA 91-A:3(d) by K. Lynch at 8:08 pm. Harry M. seconded,

Roll call vote 6-0-0

Out of non-Public at 8:25

Respectfully submitted by

Dianne Plansky
Secretary

