



## Litchfield Conservation Commission

Litchfield Town Hall, 2 Liberty Way

Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2021

Minutes Approved 11/4/2021

### 1. In Attendance

**Members Present:** Matt Lepore-Chair, Kevin Lynch, Harry Menzigian, Dianne Plansky-Secretary, Jayson Brennen, Luanna Vollmer-Alternate, Joan McKibben-Vice Chair

**Members Absent:** Michael Croteau, Andrew Thompson-Alternate, Jack Curtin-Alternate

### 2. Call to Order

Chairman Matt Lepore calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm and appoints Luanna Vollmer as a voting member.

### 3. Public Non-Agenda Business

None

### 4. New Business

- A) **Stage Crossing Easement update -Matt(6:33pm)**-Matt met with John Poulas regarding an acceptable place to move the easement to. An appropriate area was found that would be easy to work with however the stage crossing board has told John no. Their board would like us to relinquish any easement over at the neighborhood. A letter will be coming from the Commission to the Stage Crossing board telling them that we have no intention of relinquishing the easement. Matt will write the letter. This issue is set to be resolved with or without stage crossing input by year end.
  
- B) **Town Trailer-Matt (6:36pm)**-Matt will be asking Troy for access to use or reassign an old voting trailer for use for the Commission. The trailer has been sitting unused for years in the old fire station and would be of use for area clean ups.

- C) **NHACC meeting-Matt (6:40)**-The meeting will be held virtually again on November 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Dianne suggested we have a few people participate in different topic groups and then share with the group. The agenda information is available on the NHACC website. Price per member is unknown.
- D) **Budget meeting-Matt- (6:42pm)**-The budget meeting for the Commission 2022 budget will be held on 10/14. Neither Joan nor Dianne will be able to attend, Jayson will send some ideas to Matt before the meeting.

## 5. Old Business

- A) **Fishing Derby-Harry-(6:45)**-In talking to land owner regarding the dam being fixed he requires a week for the water to go down and then another week to repair the dam. Harry is concerned that the beavers will move back in after removed so that it will continue to be a problem. No one that owns land the beaver dams are on has been contacted. Kevin will get the names and addresses of the land owners and Dianne will send a letter to them asking for permission to remove the beavers. Parker Park was brought up as an alternate source again. Harry asked Dianne if she would speak to Paul Lemire regarding using Londonderry pond location just this year. Dianne said she would. Jay mentioned Parker Park location clean up in conjunction with us establishing the Agrarian Land Trust Lease of that land. That is still outstanding. Harry will have a group meeting at Parker park to discuss that option. Harry attended a Rec commission meeting to keep them informed.
- B) **Land Preservation plan update -Jayson-(6:52pm)**-Jay has been working on strategy to prioritize what kind of land to buy and what kind of attributes it will have. He has approached this with poll of 3 diff groups. Last month he presented what the Commission and other town boards poll answers were. This month he has the town peoples poll answers and is bringing all that information to the board. Of the 208 citizens that answered the poll they felt the commission should focus on land that 1) Protected town character and history. 2) Protect National resources 3) Protect species. 4<sup>th</sup> was publicly accessible and 5 was land on the river. When it was asked what should our priorities be the town answered 1)Protect the farms and the historic feel of the town. 2)Prevent development 3)Protect Natural resources. When you add all the poll groups together the following was determined. 1)Protect farm and historic (126) 2)Protect natural resources (112) 3)Protect character (106) 4)Protect from development (106) 5)Protect Habitat (81) 6)Public Access (71). Jay asked for comments and will provide them to all the members to review. Some of the largest words from the word cloud Jay created that were mentioned were CBH, Farms, development, river. Jayson brought up the next step which will be providing the commission with a document of his results as well as the next step of starting to develop the strategy of how to go forward to acquire land.

**C -Land acquisition account uses-Matt (7:11)** Joan and Kevin asked for information to be sent out again. Matt will be getting advice from municipal to get more info on what 36A means.

**D-Machine purchases-Jayson (7:15)**-Rec commission is still interested in buying a tractor with Commission They are searching for money in their budget. Kubota tractor 17,000 to start then add a brush hog and a mower up to low 20's.

**E-Property inspections-Matt (7:20)**-Luanna, Jay and Matt inspected 2 properties off Cutler Road.

**F-Lonely Fort ADA compliance-Matt-(7:24)**-Building inspector said Lonely Fort is qualified needs a small bridge. Matt wanted to entertain motion to build the bridge.

**Motion Dianne -Build the bridge to make the trail accessible**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Harry.**

**Motion passed 7-0-0**

## **6. Other Business**

A) Next meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> at 630 (7:31pm)

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 November 4 at the fire station at 6:30. Some discussion of moving day of meeting to allow it to be done at town hall.

B) **Weather Matt (7:32pm)**

Back log on mounting equipment for our weather station.

Garden Drive station

High 87.3 deg

Low 42.6 deg

Avg of 66.4 deg

Precipitation of 4.54"

- C) **Pesticide usage at GMS-Joan-(7:35pm)**Joan is concerned about who and what was use to kill off the poison ivy and all other foliage over by the field on the side of the road. Matt agreed to look into it.
- D) **Conservation Garden -Dianne (7:40)**Waiting for lease.
- E) **Bat box Matt-(7:50)** Matt won a bat box! Need to ask Rec if we can mount it at Darrah.
- F) **Map for Moores Fall-Jayson(7:51)**-Jay will be printing map and mounting it at moores fall kiosk. Lock needs to be accessable and muster field bittersweet needs to be attacked again.
- G) **Approval of September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting notes-Dianne**  
Joan requested page numbers and wants to be sure to mention if a member is an alternate make sure you mention it.  
**Motion: Harry to accept minutes with additions**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt**  
**Vote 7-0-0**  
Joan wanted to change minutes from August meeting notes so that tax map 14 be changed to map 15. Noted here.  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting notes were not done by prior secretary so Matt did them.**  
**Motion: Jay to accept minutes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Harry**  
**Vote 7-0-0**

## **7. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting and to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3(d) by Jayson at 7:46 pm. Dianne seconded,

Roll call vote 7-0-0

Out of non-Public at 8:10

Respectfully submitted by

Dianne Plansky  
Secretary