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Litchfield Conservation Commission

Litchfield Town Hall, 2 Liberty Way

Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2021

Minutes Approved _____

1. In Attendance

Members Present: Matt Lepore-Chair, Kevin Lynch-Selectmans Rep, Harry Menzigian-Member, Dianne Plansky-Secretary, Jayson Brennen-Member, Michael Croteau-Member

Members Absent: Andrew Thompson-Alternate, Jack Curtin-Alternate, Joan McKibben-Vice Chair, Luanna Vollmer-alternate

2. Call to Order

Chairman Matt Lepore calls the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

3. Public Non-Agenda Business-None

4. New Business

- A) **NRPC Plan update-Jay Minkarah(6:40pm)**-Jay came to show the commission the progress that has been made on the plan, to get input and verify contents. Suggestions were made for additional info and formats. Corrections were made for known errors. Jayson Brennan will be sending Jay information regarding the poll he took earlier in the year. Jay will return when more information is gathered.
- B) **380 Transmission line structure replacement project-Conor Madison, GZA (7:00pm)**- Appearing for the commission to update them on a project they are doing that will replace a wooden pad with a weathered steel pad and updating a wire that is outdated by a fiber underground cable. GZA has applied for a state permit to work in this area as it impacts wetlands while they work on it. Fish and Game has requested that they use a silk sock ground cover due to an endangered snake that is in the area. This work will be accessed through the brickyard access. Planned start up is spring 2022 and should last at most 3 months.

Motion-Dianne-Allow Matt to write a letter to Zoning Board Chair that the Conservation Commission has no objection to the special objection requested by GZA.

2nd Harry Menzigian

Vote 5-0-1 Mike Croteau abstains due to his role on planning board

- C) **Purchases-Matt (7:08)**-Matt would like to request to purchase the following items: Chainsaw chaps, Latex gloves, work gloves, First aid kit, First aid course, safety glasses. These items will be stored in the shed by town hall or in the newly acquired trailer.

Motion-Harry- Allow Matt to purchase the chaps, gloves, first aid kit and safety glasses he requested up to an amount of \$200.

2nd – Dianne

Vote 7-0-0

- D) **Links/documents to add to town conservation page-Matt-** (7:13pm)-Matt would like to add more links to flesh out the town conservation page. His initial proposal is to add UNH Granite web site link. Dianne suggested a hunting season link. Jayson suggested NRPC interactive Conservation map link. Matt will be adding links.
- E) **Stage Crossing Easement marking-Matt-**(7:15)-Letter has been received from the Stage Crossing board saying that they no longer wish to move the conservation easement. Matt will be looking into marking the area and putting up signs.
- F) **DR Mower repair-Matt-**(7:24) Mower has been acting up. Jayson has offered to try to repair what appears to be the rings to see if they can be replaced.
- G) **Fill and Dredge Permit Mels –** Matt(7:24)Mels is requesting to repair/replace existing culvert that exists between #'s 443 and 449 Charles Bancroft Highway. Does the Conservation Commission have any objections to this work being done. No Objections were raised.

5. Old Business

- A) **Property inspections-Matt-(7:26)**-Mike and Matt inspected Lonely Fort and Stage Crossing. Properties are in good shape. Stage crossing trail needs some work. Remaining properties are unpassable as they are wetlands. Dianne suggested examining with a drone. Matt will consider that
- B) **Insurance/Liability -Matt-(7:37pm)**- Matt has contacted Troy Brown and is waiting for information.
- C) **Fishing Derby -Harry (7:38)** Parker Park will be the location of the fishing Derby. Date was decided to be May 14th. Harry needs to get Rec Commission permission and talk to them

regarding using the park and dates etc. Dianne call Steve Normanton to let him know that it will be happening. Harry will work on list of items that need to be done for the event.

D) Nhacc meeting videos-Matt (7:46)- Let Matt know which videos you would like to see and he will narrow it down to three that we can all share.

E) Tractor Proposal Review-Jay (7:48) In review: The Conservation Commission approved 15,000 to purchase a tractor with parts including a bucket and mower. Rec approved 15,000 to purchase a tractor in conjunction with Conservation but added they required a trailer as well. Requests for a proposal went out and 5 vendors replied. This has narrowed it down to the Kubota 2601 and the John Deere 2026. Jay will work with Rec to finalize the product and vendor.

Motion – Harry- Appoint Jayson to represent the commission to discuss and decide with Rec which model to purchase and will then appear with Rec at Selectman’s meeting to present it on our behalf.

2nd Dianne

Vote 5-0-1 Kevin abstained as he will vote on this as a selectman.

F) Trash Pick up Charles Bancroft Highway-Matt (7:55)-Matt Joan Jayson and Judy Brennan and Dianne picked up trash. Trash was lighter than usual.

a. Other Business

i. Next meeting 1/2/21 at Town Hall at 630 (8pm)

ii. Weather Matt (8:03pm)

Back log on mounting equipment for our weather station.

Garden Drive station

High 70 deg

Low 25 deg

Precipitation of 2.69”

Wind 36 mph high

iii. Pesticide usage at GMS-Matt-(8:10pm)Matt talked to Dr. Jetty about what product was used and he confirmed it was roundup and wouldn’t use it again.

iv. Jay-Mark Cloutier also donated a chain saw so we have 2 which is wonderful! Thank you Mark. Selectman Leary donated a Weed Whacker. Thank you Mr. Leary.

v. Dar Col Barn- Jayson is investigating getting the smaller barn moved from the dar-col property. Discussions of pros and cons.

vi. Matt- New sign at Moores falls going to be put up and Matt will be attending Training regarding ice flow on the river.

vii. Approval of November 2nd meeting notes-Dianne

Motion Mike to accept minutes with additions

2nd: Matt

Vote 7-0-0

2nd Harry

Vote 7-0-0

b. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting and to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3(d) by matt at 815pm. Dianne seconded,

Roll call vote 7-0-0

Into non public at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by

Dianne Plansky

Secretary