

Litchfield Conservation Commission

**September 11, 2008**

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes accepted 10/2/08

Members Present: Joan McKibben Chairman  
Tom Levesque  
Sharon Jones  
Marion Godzik  
Ray Peeples  
Richard Husband – Alternate  
Stephen Tarara - Alternate

Absent  
Selectmen's Rep: Al Raccio  
Roger St. Laurent

Called to order 7:04 PM

Chairman Joan McKibben appointed Richard Husband to the open seat for the meeting.

Items Discussed:

1. **Moore's Falls** – Small wash out-3 foot deep sink hole, previously fixed in 2007, located at the intersection of trails at the base of the hill and the old trolley track. Joan McKibben to meet with Jeff Guay, Rick Charbonneau donated the material to fix the sinkhole again. Tom Levesque Motioned to have the sinkhole repaired again, Ray Peeples 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion to fix the new sinkhole at the North End of the property on the trolley track, Motion passes 6-0-0.
- 7:15 Joan McKibben steps off the Commission**, Tom Levesque Chairs the discussion, Glenn McKibben is willing to operate the brush hog at \$10., an hour to mow the fields. Sharon Jones Motions to have Glenn McKibben mow with the brush hog at \$10., an hour up to 30hrs, Marion Godzik 2nds the Motion. Marion has to step out of the room at 7:20 Motion carries 4-0-0. Joan McKibben back in the room at 7:20 Marion back in the room at 7:25. Tom Levesque is going to the Tractor Supply Store to look at trailers to carry the brush hog. Some fields need a bigger mower to go through the brush, with a one-time mowing with a larger tractor type mover
2. **Letter from Selectmen** (from Frank Byron Chairman) to all department heads – watch all spending – spend only if necessary, the letter states some concerns \$25,000 in the 2008 budget was not accounted for due to inaccurate reporting to the State of NH, unpaid taxes totaling \$425,000 and money that had to be transferred to the School District.

3. **Map 15 Lot 6 – Theroux Property** In the August 7, 2008 Minutes as one of LCC recommendations in the letter LCC would recommend one lot into 2, Joan McKibben in tonight's meeting states LLC has no scientific background to make such a recommendation. Sharon Jones asks isn't this more of a Planning Board issue why is LCC involved, Tom and Ray's answer is because the water that is ponding is effecting the delineated wetlands. The development plan would be to build up the site, driveway would have a grading of 131 elevation, the road has a grading of 129. LCC has concerns with the grading plan. Tom Levesque & Marion Godzik have pictures of the ponding from the last two storms. On 9/3/08 a letter went out to the Planning Board from Lou Caron, Town consulting engineer, stating that on 8/19/08 he received a revised subdivision plan/grading plan, the letter states to mitigate the potential development impacts of stormwater runoff on abutting properties, the building roof runoff would be captured in roof gutters and conveyed to two sub-surface infiltration trenches constructed away from each building foundation. The letter goes on to state the stormwater is directed towards the existing wetlands to the east of the property, away from the abutter's residence to the south. The Town consulting engineer believes that the plan, as proposed, provides a reasonable solution to the issue of flooding along the south side of the property. On 9/11/08 Mrs. McKibben emailed Lou Caron with a couple of questions for tonight's meeting, 1.) What is going to force the water to move in the swail to get it to the wetland out back? (answer) Gravity, since the slope is very flat, they would expect that you would see some standing water in localized spots. 2.) Are we counting on most of the water to leach into the ground except on a big storm event? (answer) Yes. Mrs. McKibben goes on to state in the email, some history on the site from Tom Levesque the person who owned it before Kurt West brought in a lot of sand with hopes of building a house there. After Kurt bought it they brought in the pavement reclaimer and went 2-3' deep on grinding and mixing soil. Mrs. McKibben's last question is, test pits should be accurate for SHGW, concerned with grading plan, 2.) water flow to wetlands at 128 grading and theproposed swale, 3.) concerned with the radius going over the swale 4.) LCC wants a hydrologist brought infor entire site. 5.) concerns post development w/salt on State Highway –wetlands to the east & heavy metals 6.) Mr. Wagner (NRPC Planner) stated it might be an un-engineerable site.
4. **Map 2 Lot 128 – Cutler Road ZBA** next step- Joan McKibben email Morgan Hollis, no returned call/email. LCC taking it off the agenda for now.
5. **Signs for Town Conservation Land** – Marshall signs sent a sample with the Town seal and stating "Town of Litchfield, NH Conservation Area managed by Litchfield Conservation Commission" LCC likes white w/green letters portrait 18" long 12" wide. A motion was made by J. McKibben and seconded by T. Levesque to purchase 20 signs at \$20. a piece from Marshall signs.  
The motion passes 6-0-0.
6. **Budget 2009-** LCC to submit budget for \$2,747. LCC has spent \$1,700 of the \$3,907., in the 2008 Budget.
7. **Lower Merrimack River** Corridor Management Plan Goals and Objectives section- Joan McKibben would like LCC members to read the handout from the presentation at the Planning Board meeting of 7/22/08, they had limited copies at the meeting, we are trying to get an online version.

8. **Conservation Shed** – behind Town Hall – Tom Levesque hung up a peg board inside the shed to hang up the tools.
  
9. **Stormwater and Wetlands signs** – Joan McKibben emailed **NHACC** to see what Nashua uses for Storm Water Management signs.
  
10. **3A Clean Up**- the next clean up will probably be after the Presidential Elections in November, LCC to schedule cleanup date at the next meeting.
  
11. **Approve August Minutes** - w/change to # 11, 2009 budget amount, Tom Levesque Motioned to approve Minutes w/change to 2009 budget amount, Marion Godzik 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Motion carries 5-0-1.
  
12. **Other Business** – Tom Levesque read an article in the Union Leader 9/11/08 re; the Town of Epping Selectmen stopping the Epping ConComm from purchasing river front land because it would not generate tax money.

Tom Levesque Motioned to adjourn @ 8:45 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Peeples Motion carries 6-0-0.

Next Meeting 10/2/08 followed by:

11/06/08

12/04/08

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary