

Litchfield Conservation Commission

April 2, 2009

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes Approved 5/7/09

Members Present: Joan McKibben Chairman
Tom Levesque
Sharon Jones
Marion Godzik
Richard Husband – Alternate

Absent:
Selectmen's Rep: Andy Santom
Ray Peeples
Stephen Tarara – Alternate
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. **Marion Godzik** – her term is up but wishes to stay on the LCC and will email Joan McKibben stating so.
2. **Conservation Subdivision** – Andy Prolman invited to speak. Mr. Prolman addressed LCC by stating he is proposing Open Space Zoning to the Town of Litchfield NOT here to represent a client. A Conservation Subdivision is a subdivision in which a substantial amount of the site remains as permanently protected open space. Typically, wetlands, hydric soils, open water and steep slopes are not included as part of the buildable land area. One example of a conservation subdivision is Falcon Ridge in Milford. Mr. Prolman is hoping to present to the Planning Board at the 4/21/09 Meeting and invited members of LCC to join him.
3. **Public Input** – None in attendance.
4. **Election of Officers** – Joan McKibben nominated Sharon Jones as Secretary, Marion Godzik 2nd, Motion carries 5-0-0. Joan McKibben nominated Tom Levesque for Vice Chair, Sharon

Jones 2nd, Motion carries 5-0-0. Sharon Jones nominated Joan McKibben Chairwoman, Tom Levesque 2nd, Motion carries 5-0-0.

5. **Map 2, Lot 128 Cutler Road** – to be heard at the May Zoning Board Meeting, they are allowed to build in the Transitional Zone. Mrs. McKibben went out to the site, today 4/2/09, there are wood frogs present, a lot of water is present on the back of the lot and it's loaded with wood frogs. The Zoning Board Chairman, Richard Riley would like another wetland scientist to go out to the site. Mrs. McKibben to suggest Bob Prokopf Wetlands Scientist to Mr. Riley. LCC to come up with some dates for another site walk requested by the ZBA, Saturday 4/11/09 a.m or possibly Thursday 4/16/09 around 6 PM. Abutter Kathy Messer has pictures and video of water on the site. Another letter is needed from the LCC.
6. **Sidewalk – Bike Path Albuquerque Ave.,** - Notification of routine roadway and railway maintenance activities, in the future the bike path to be extended the length of Albuquerque Ave.
7. **Water collection across from Cutler Library** – Kevin Lynch (Code Enforcer/Building Inspector) and Joan McKibben went out to the site and Kevin believes is just backup from a cellar hole across the street.
8. **Tax Map 4 Lot 24 -137 Page Road** – complaint sent to the State of NH by code enforcement, work done within wetland buffer, no word from the State yet.
9. **Fishing Derby** – May 9, 2009 Joan McKibben to send permit 4/3/09 Sharon Jones & Marion Godzik will be prize committee, Girl Scouts will be selling refreshments again this year. Marion Godzik will order the worms, Joan McKibben will order the fish, Tom Levesque will check w/Ray Peeples to see if has the signs to be posted day or two before asking people not to fish before the derby. Joan McKibben to call Harry Menzigian who likes to help out with the fishing derby. Joan McKibben has Gene Ducharme's (property owner) permission for the derby. We will finalize plans at LCC's next meeting on May 7th.
10. **2009 Default Budget** - Total Budget \$ 3,185., started with \$2,000., for property management but \$562., was taken off leaving \$1,438., for property management.
11. **Kevin Lynch** – to use mower and help mow some of the Conservation Area's possibly in the fall.
12. **Dar-Col Stables** – Joan McKibben went out Monday, March 30, 2009 with a representative from NRCS/Milford Office, they walked from the conservation property/the trolley tracks up to Dar-Col NRCS - natural resources conservation programs help farmers and forest landowners promote environmental quality on farmland and forest land, address water quality and quantity challenges, and protect valuable wetland ecosystems, agricultural lands, and wildlife habitat.
13. **Clean Up Day** – 3A for April 11, 2009
14. **Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act** – Land Resource Management Workshop/NHDES was held February 9, 2009, Sharon Jones to read up on the news letter that came out on the changes.

Any Other Business/Correspondence

Stage Crossing – Mary Welch (resident) contacted Mrs. McKibben to tell her a tree had come down on the Conservation land /path. LCC to walk the property in May.

BAE –Expedited Dredge and Fill / Mrs. McKibben to sign the dredge and fill for BAE.

LCC to look into gas motor use on Darrah Pond

Joan McKibben Motioned to accept 3/4/09 Minutes, Tom Levesque 2nd, Motion carries 5-0-0.

Next Meeting(s): 5-7-09

Tom Levesque Motioned to adjourn at 8:40 PM, Marion Godzik 2nd. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary