

Litchfield Conservation Commission

**October 1, 2009**

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 11/5/09

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

Absent: Roger St. Laurent  
Stephen Tarara  
Andy Santom, Selectmen's Rep

Called to Order 7:05 P.M.

Michael Croteau – in attendance

Mrs. McKibben appoints Richard Husband to open seat.

1. **Telecommunications Tower** - abutters at 10 Cutler Road appealing Kevin Lynch's, (Litchfield Code Enforcement Officer) decision regarding the type of wetlands. It is a manmade swale and it doesn't require a 50' buffer per Litchfield Zoning Ordinance 1207.03 Buffers. LCC to write a letter sighting Litchfield Zoning Ordinance 1207.03 Buffers, and that we also believe it's a swale, that doesn't mandate buffers.
2. **Annandale fields**, Alteration of Terrain Permit (AOT) – Property owners decided on their own to go to the ZBA for Special Exception (Ordinance 1208.00) they sent a letter to the ZBA referencing Ordinance 1207.03. Joan McKibben went out to the property in August 2009, there was no standing water. Kevin Lynch wrote a letter on 9/23/09 to Jeff Merritt of Keach-Nordstrom Assoc., (Engineers) stating he (Kevin) finds the modification to the existing application plan does not need to go to the ZBA because it's on prior converted cropland Ordinance 1207.03. No Action needed by LCC.
3. **Budget** – Tom Levesque attended the Selectmen's Meeting and the Selectmen added \$ 50., to LCC Budget for equipment maintenance increasing the budget from \$3,111 to \$3,161.

4. **Interview with Michael Croteau** – member applicant. LCC will move Mr. Croteau’s application forward to the Selectmen.
5. **LCC Inspection Report for Town Land** – LCC members to use this tool when inspecting Town owned land.
6. **Dame/Ducharme Wells** – on 9/9/09 the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen sent a letter to DES stating they (Town of Hudson) would like to increase withdrawals daily on the well adjacent to Darrah Pond in Litchfield depending on precipitation. The letter states, according to a study of rainfall at the Nashua Airport in June 09 rainfall in inches was 6.07, July 09 in inches was 7.04 and in August 09 in inches it was 2.6. The letter goes on to state previous study was done in 2002, the result of the study provided for a conservative withdrawal limit to the wells of 0.79 million gallons per day (MGD) with a provision to increase withdrawals to 0.89 mgd for periods with above average precipitation. The Town of Hudson would like to increase the withdrawal to 0.89 mgd based on the provision of receiving above average precipitation. The Town of Hudson proposes to monitor precipitation on a rolling three month average and will withdraw from the Darrah Pond Aquifer according to below or average precipitation as stated above. DES writes back to Hudson BOS approving of the request according to the study conducted in 2002 with the condition that the determination of precipitation conditions be based on an analysis of rainfall amounts over the preceding three month period opposed to month to month as proposed in Hudson BOS letter. LCC to write a letter to DES stating these are NOT acceptable standards with copies to Hudson BOS, Litchfield BOS, Pennichuck Water Works and John Lynch the Governor of NH.
7. **Wetland Mitigation and Wildlife Workshop** Sept 10- Joan McKibben attended and said it was definitely worth going to.
8. **Clean up report** from student Kevin Doucette – 31 hours and 5mins and 42 bags of trash, he sent a letter to LCC thanking us.
9. **NHACC annual meeting** Saturday, Nov. 7 – Mrs. McKibben would like Michael Croteau to attend.

Any other business:

Question on horse manure stock piling property near Darrah Pond – Kevin Lynch (Code Enforcement) went out and spoke to the property owners Kevin didn’t find any issues the manure is trucked out.

8:15 Joan McKibben Motions for Non – Public Session, **RSA 91-A:3 II (d.)** Tom Levesque 2nds the Motion Roll Call Vote 5-0-0

8:58 Joan McKibben Motions to come out of Non – Public Session, Tom Levesque 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion Roll Call Vote 5-0-0.

9:00 Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn Joan McKibben 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion, Roll Call Vote 5-0-0.

Next Meeting 11/5/09

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary