

Litchfield Conservation Commission

April 3, 2008

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes accepted 5/8/08

Members Present: Tom Levesque, Chairman
Joan McKibben
Sharon Jones
Roger St. Laurent
Marion Godzik

Selectmen's Rep: Al Raccio

Public Present: Ray Peeples
Richard Husband
Steven Tarrara

Items Discussed:

1. Interviews with Richard Husband and Steven Tarrara applicants to LCC, Chairman Levesque and Mrs. McKibben asked the questions, do you have the time to put into the Commission, and gave them a brief description of what would be required of them ie; site walks, cleanup of 3A, fishing derby etc. Mr. Husband mentioned he lived near Darrah Pond and the area was a concern to him. Al Raccio asked Mr. Husband would he have any conflict of interest with serving on the Commission and abstaining from issues concerning Darrah Pond, Mr. Husband replied no. Mr. Raccio asked Mr. Tarrara would serving on this Board have any conflict of interest for him, he replied no. Chairman Levesque made a motion to make Ray Peeples the 7th member and Richard Husband and Steven Tarrara the Alternates, per RSA 36-A the vote was unanimous in favor.
2. Moore's Falls – sinkhole at the south end, there is \$2,000. for property management in the budget. Mrs. McKibben mentioned to try and get Gerry DeCosta (Road Agent) or Rick Charbonneau out there to look at the property. Roger St. Laurent thinks there is a collapsed pipe in the sinkhole sucking all the soil down, Roger has been there recently. Tom Levesque said he is leaning more towards asking Rick Charbonneau to go down there and giving his evaluation. Roger says there is another larger sinkhole on the Colby side of the property – down by the south end and it was passable until approximately two years ago, it's been there since the

flooding occurred. LCC to find out our obligation regarding the lease of the property. Joan McKibben will contact Rick Charboneau.

3. **Map 15 Lot 6** - Farwell Engineering, (R. Theroux property owner) 315 Charles Bancroft Highway, trying to subdivide 1 lot into 3. Rescheduled for the Planning Board May 6, 2008. Tom Levesque had pictures of the ponding at the end of the driveway and the stream flowing to the neighbors property. Tom Levesque would like Dr. Ballesteros – Hydrologist to be hired as a consultant and paid for by Mr. Theroux. Joan McKibben said if he isn't available there are other companies out there that can test the soils, Mr. Raccio thought it might be best to go with one of the other companies for this particular project it would be less expensive and this project doesn't really warrant Dr. Ballesteros expertise.
4. **Map 20 Lots 117 & 119** – Andy Prolman – Variances DENIED (site walk by LCC on 11/26/07 & ZBA & JM on 3/8/08) The Lot is 75% dry contiguous. Andy Prolman wants a letter from LCC in favor of the project, The Planning Board sent a letter against it. Mr. Prolman says the land/subdivision is vested and it's grandfathered in from a 1970 Town ordinance. Andy Prolman will go to the ZBA again in May. If he wins the 'vesting' argument he wouldn't need to go to the ZBA. LCC to do another site walk of the property at 6:30 PM on 4/22 we'll meet at Sybil Lane.
5. **Map 12 Lot 25** – Stabile Property, deed recorded 3/31/08, LCC to do site visits once a year, we will put up a small sign on the property. Lamontagne owned the road rights and transferred them to LCC in a Quick Claim Deed. Roger St. Laurent suggested LCC make a small parking area, Ray Peeples volunteered to help Roger with that project.
6. **Map 3 Lot 128** –Cutler Road, Joan McKibben contacted Tony Marcotte/Bedford Design on 3/6 for an update, Mr. Marcotte said they had filed in Superior Court. The Applicants Attorney will be filing for a transitional zone and special exception to cross the wetlands for the driveway as it is in the wetlands buffer. Tom Levesque recommends Mrs. McKibben contact Tony Marcotte to inform him LCC will do a site walk again in the spring to see the seasonal high water table.
7. NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) Joan McKibben attended on 1/29/08 she got a disc with WAP info and will give it to Al Raccio and Marion Godzik to make copies – she will keep her eye out for the next meeting so perhaps one of the other members of LCC could attend.
8. Fishing Derby – May 10th ok with property owner Gene Ducharme, Primex Ins. Binder received. Application for derby faxed to the state of NH. The Girl Scouts will be there with refreshments. Roger St. Laurent will make a sign – worms \$2.00 Al Raccio asked Joan McKibben to send a letter to the cable committee to come out and video. Sharon Jones has sent letters to sporting/fishing business in the Southern NH as well as LL Bean, Cabella's & Bass Pro Shops asking for donations

for the prizes. Marion to go to the Litchfield/Hudson Business looking for donations. Signs needed to distribute around the pond after the fish are delivered on Thursday May 8, 2008 asking people not to fish until after the kids do. LCC has 6 signs but we'll probably need at least 12. Ray Peebles will make some signs, also Litchfield Police Dept has a community fund perhaps they'll contribute for additional signs needed. LCC to ask Litchfield Fire Dept to help out by being at the derby again this year.

9. Catalog Town Conservation Land – then LCC will walk the properties.
10. Conservation 2008 Budget – Joan McKibben has the LCC approved budget.
11. Sophomore/Senior Projects LCC needs a contact name from Campbell to ask if there are any volunteers from the High School for projects. Marion Godzik to get a name.
12. Nameplates for LCC members meeting – soon to be televised on local cable channel
13. Clean up Rte 3A – April 26th 8:00 AM meet near fire station, Al Raccio to ask for Selectmen's help.
14. Approve 3/6/08 Minutes – Joan McKibben made a motion to accept Minutes as corrected, Marion Godzik, Al Raccio all abstained. Minutes approved as corrected.
15. **Any other business-** Superior Court Decision in favor of access of Lund St. for Londonderry Fish & Game Club. LCC contacted ZBA and stated LCC had no issues with proposed road, special exception to cross wetlands granted.

Al Raccio to Chairman Levesque revisiting Item 3 in the minutes – Dr. Belesteros is a 'heavy hitter' his expertise helped greatly on the Charbonneau Quarry but Mr. Raccio recommends a lower level company and reserve Dr. Belesteros for future high level projects. Such a professional would present a larger cost to the property owner. LCC will ask for a second opinion re; groundwater and would it be a mosquito breeding zone as respects the dry well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Sharon Jones made a motion for Joan McKibben to be Chairperson, Roger St. Laurent second it, Joan McKibben and Al Raccio abstained, all in favor. Roger St. Laurent made a motion to nominate Tom Levesque as Vice Chair, Sharon Jones second, Tom Levesque and Al Raccio abstained, all in favor. Joan McKibben motioned for Sharon Jones as Secretary, Tom Levesque second, Sharon Jones and Al Raccio abstained, all in favor.

Next Meeting 5/8/08

8:50 Roger St. Laurent made a motion to adjourn - Unanimous – Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary