

Litchfield Conservation Commission

June 5, 2008

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 7-10-08

Members Present: Joan McKibben Chairman
Tom Levesque
Sharon Jones
Marion Godzik
Ray Peeples
Stephen Tarara

Selectmen's Rep: Al Raccio

Absent Roger St. Laurent - Alternate
Richard Husband – Alternate

Called to order 7:05 PM

Items Discussed:

1. **Moore's Falls** – nothing done yet with the sinkhole. Tom Levesque will speak to Jeff Guay to see if he can do the work with the material given by Rick Charbonneau. Stephen Tarara spoke to Father Ray at St. Francis Church and he has no problem with people going in by the church to fix the sinkhole. The chain has been repaired by the Litchfield Fire Dept., they drilled into the rock and put in eye bolts, but the 4x4 chain was loose, Joan McKibben took up the slack on the chain w/ties and it seems to be working for now.
2. **Map 15 Lot 6** – (one lot into 3) Farwell Engineering (owner R. Theroux) Tom Levesque and Stephen Tarara did a site walk on 5/20/08. The area out by the power lines is very wet. Farwell Engineer implied the water would seep into the ground before impacting the wetlands. The Planning Board made a motion Tuesday at the June 3rd meeting to call in a Hydrologist. Al Raccio suggested maybe The Planning Board could send out a RFP (Request for Proposals) to Dr. Ballestero–Hydrologist. Mr. Theroux (property owner) wants to pick the engineering firm as he expressed at the 6/3/08 Planning Board Meeting. The Planning Board mentioned in the meeting that the applicant must carry Professional Insurance. One of the questions LCC brought up for the RFP would be a.) what would the long term

effect of the project be b.) perhaps sending the water out to the east end of the property c.) Al Raccio mentioned what would the impact of the 50 year & 100 year floods be, the neighbors would benefit from knowing that. Litchfield Town Ordinance requires the 25 year flood impact study. d.) Grading Plan. RFP has to go out by Monday 6/9/08.

3. **Map 20 Lot 117 and 119** - Sybil Lane, Site Visits 4/22/08, 3/8/08 w/ZBA, 11/26/07 w/CONCOM variances DENIED **code enforcement zoning decision still needed.** Applicant needs letter from CONCOM. Applicant did postpone w/ZBA Andy Prolman will be coming in to LCC meeting – no date yet, still don't know if variance needed. It's obvious the lot was filled in 30-40 years ago. What will happen when you dig down thru all the fill and get down to the 'natural' earth??
4. **Map 2 Lot 128** – Cutler Road, Joan McKibben emailed Morgan Hollis attorney for Mario Plante property owner as to the status of the property. Mr. Hollis sent a response to Joan's email stating that he(Mr. Hollis) was requested by his client to file an application for variance for use and a special exception for driveway in the WCD(Wetlands Conservation District). Mr. Hollis is anticipating putting the applications together in the next few days (email dated 5/19/08). LCC will have to send letter, and as part of the conditions LCC to state abutters shouldn't receive additional water to their property as a result of proposed driveway.
5. **Fishing Derby** - 75-100 children attended. The worms sold out at \$2.00 per container, next year LCC will increase the amount of worms we buy. PR person for next year for before the derby and after the derby, LCC will get releases so we can air the pictures on the local cable channel. Joan McKibben wants to change the date back to the start of school vacation 4th Saturday in April, as so many of the kids couldn't stay for prizes as they had either baseball/soccer commitments. Marion Godzik still has left over prizes from this years derby.
6. **Map 12 Lot 25** – formerly Stabile Property Sharon Jones and Ray Peeples walked the property on May 17th 2008, we walked the 30' easement which is part of the Conservation Land into the woods, past the vernal pool and down the existing path and followed that all the way down to the power lines. On the return trip we wanted to see if we could get to the Town Library without running into water, we could not. We will look at possibly constructing a small crossing to get over the water in that area. LCC to start thinking about how to access the land/parking perhaps next year make a small 6 car parking area off 3A or off the library parking lot. Joan McKibben would like to try walking in from Meadowbrook Lane. The Stage Crossing Condo Assoc. found out about the LCC Quit Claim Deed and didn't seem happy about it. Mrs. McKibben assured them LCC would not be busing people in to cross the easement!! Ray Peeples and Sharon Jones also walked into the Conservation Land across from the Town Library, LCC to keep an eye on the water level there, we'll walk it again in the fall!

7. **NH Land Conservation Coalition Meeting** – May 29 2008 in Concord, Stephen Tarara and Marion Godzik both attended and found it very informative, the main thrust of it is Town/State Land etc can be used by school kids. Stephen really enjoyed “Leave no child inside” and “10 minutes to 10 acres”. LCHIP (Land & Community Heritage Investment Program) was passed but not complete.
8. **Storm Water Management** – Town Selectmen would like LCC & Planning Board at this meeting, Joan McKibben will attend. LCC responsible for the wetland plan and water body testing – could this come under NRPC Program? Joan McKibben has been in touch w/Gerry DeCosta (Road Agent) re; storm water management. Marjory Pitcher (former LCC member and Chairman of the wetland survey subcommittee) worked on a wetlands study, Joan McKibben would like for her to come in and give LCC a presentation. LCC currently in decent shape as far as cataloging Town Conservation Land.
9. **Catalog Town Conservation Land** then a drive by. Joan McKibben got a nice map from NRPC w/overlay. Al Raccio said when LCC is ready submit that to Howard Dilworth (Selectmen’s Admin) for use of the Town Vehicle. Al Raccio suggests inviting the Selectmen for a walk at the former Stabile Property.
10. **Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee** Corridor Plan – Presenting to the Planning Board on 7/22/08 – LCC in favor of asking them to present to us on 7/10/08.
11. **Code Enforcement Position** - Joan McKibben would like to send a letter from LCC and the Planning Board requesting strong building and zoning requirements as part of that job description. Ray Peoples personal doesn’t want LCC to be involved in that. Tom Levesque motioned for LCC to sign off with the Planning Board letter, Marion Godzik second the motion, motion passed 5-1-1.
12. **Alternate vs. Full Membership** Roger St.Laurent/Stephen Tarara. Howard Dilworth (Selectmen’s Admin) told Joan McKibben that Stephen Tarara would have to resign as Alternate then be re-instated, Al Raccio questions this, he said don’t sign anything, he will check into it further.

Approve 5/8/08 Minutes – Tom Levesque made a motion to accept Minutes as corrected, Joan McKibben second the motion. Minutes approved as corrected. 6-0-1

Any other business/correspondence:

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)– Hemlocks are in quarantine in the State of NH including mulch and trimmings, any infected trees the County Forester has to be notified.

NHDES closed its file on Stephen Ducharme all the work has been completed by Mr. Ducharme.

6/17/08 Planning Board Meeting – Workforce Coalition Presentation

Al Raccio will ask Cable Committee to get in touch with Chairman of LCC re; meetings on local cable channel.

Next Meeting 7/10/08

Tom Levesque motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM Marion Godzik second the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary