

Litchfield Conservation Commission
November 1, 2012
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
2 Liberty Way

Members Present: Joan McKibben – Chairman
Tom Levesque – Vice Chairman
Sharon Jones
Roger St. Laurent
Marion Godzik
Michael Croteau – Alternate

Absent:
Richard Husband

Selectmen's Rep: Pat Jewett

MINUTES APPROVED 12/6/12

Called to order 7:00 PM
Joan McKibben appoints Michael Croteau to open seat.

No Public Input
Items Discussed:

1. **Fishing Derby Signs** – LCC very pleased with the signs they purchased so the pond wouldn't be fished before the derby.
2. **Existing Conserved lands**, where can we add conserved land, 40k an acre for the Colby land. **Keep this on the agenda.**
3. **Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (LMRLAC)** – Mike Croteau attended the September meeting, with regards to the Renaissance project of Nashua, there was the thought of possibly a marina but NHDES said no because its navigable body of water. The project would include keeping the vegetation and having a 'round about' in the road by the existing skate park. The project will be proposed to the Nashua Planning Board in February, the project would have five phases, 180 residences built each phase.
4. **Darrah Pond** – Lowly water Milfoil, a report was done in 2006 by Aquatic Control Technology, Joan McKibben inquired as to the cost from Aquatic Control to have the report updated, in a letter to Mrs. McKibben dated 10/19/12 from Aquatic Control the proposal/survey states cost of the survey & reporting to be \$650. The purpose of the survey would be to document the existing aquatic plant community, by doing a boat tour of Darrah Pond, aquatic plant species encountered during the survey would be identified and documented, digital photographs would be taken, collection of mid pond water sample. Roger St. Laurent suggests that perhaps put the question out to the

Town of Litchfield residents to see what the residents want to do about it, maybe put the question in *The Hudson Litchfield News. Roger St. Laurent Motions to spend the \$650 for a survey of Darrah Pond, Tom Levesque 2nds the Motion, **Motion carries 6-0-0.** When the report comes back from Aquatic Control LCC can start publicizing*.

5. **Precipitation Measurement** – Joan McKibben contacted Mary Stampone, State Climatologist to find out what is involved in having an official weather reporting station, specifically for measuring precipitation, which is currently measured at Nashua Airport to determine controls on two production wells in Litchfield. Mary Stampone suggests LCC become part of the CoCoRaHS program (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network) and purchase a rain gauge for \$25., Roger St. Laurent will purchase and monitor the rain gauge.
6. NHACC – annual meeting Saturday November 3, 2012 in Concord NH, Joan McKibben and Sharon Jones to attend.
7. **Invasive Plant Control** – Meeting on November 14, 2012 9:30 -12:00, Joan McKibben and Richard Husband may attend.
8. **Cable TV** – LCC is not interested on having the Conservation Meetings televised.

Any Other Business:

3A cleanup needs to be scheduled

Tom Levesque Motions to accept October Minutes as amended, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 4-0-2.

Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) Thursday December 6 , 2012

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary