

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

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

Selectmen’s Rep: Pat Jewett

Absent: Marion Godzik

MINUTES APPROVED 8/2/2012

Called to order 7:04 PM
Joan McKibben appoints Mike Croteau to the open seat
No Public Input
Items Discussed:

1. **Fishing Derby 30th annual** – was held on May 12, 2012 , it was the most successful ever with almost 90 children participating! LCC received \$40., in donations which will go towards prizes for next years derby. Joan McKibben sent ‘thank you’s to those who contributed/donated prizes. A thank you card to go to Mr. Gene Ducharme, property owner where the pond is located.
2. **The Litchfield Planning Board (LPD)** is looking for LCC to write a letter of support for – **Community Planning Grant** (from HUD) asking for \$46,000 to look at Workforce and Mutli-family housing, North end Zoning, revisit Transitional Zoning, Commercial Zoning, Agricultural Zoning in relation to Commercial. With the new bridge (to Merrimack) could the Town promote commercial growth at risk of losing agriculture?? LCC not in favor and will decline to write a letter in support. **Roger St. Laurent Motions LCC not to write a letter in support for LPD with regards to the Community Planning Grant, Tom Levesque 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 4-0-3.**
3. **Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA)** Hearing scheduled for July meeting for proposed gas station at 522 Charles Bancroft Hwy for a variance, per ZBA Ordinance, 1254.00 b., (Prohibited Uses Subsurface storage of regulated substances, including gasoline, and the subsurface transmission of regulated substances, including gasoline, through pipelines;)

The site is a (huge) high yield aquifer. LCC to send a letter to the ZBA , **Richard Husband Motions the form of the letter to be the majority of LCC (4 board members)disagrees and does not support the variance for X reasons and the minority of LCC (2 board members) supports the variance for X reasons. Sharon Jones 2^{nds} the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-1.** Richard Husband to draft the letter.

Tom Levesque Motions to accept May Minutes, Roger St. Laurent 2nds, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Other Correspondence:

National Grid – tree cutting at the power lines (Item 1 of May 2012 Minutes) will wait until the fall.

Kathy Nelson (LMRLAC) will come in and speak to LCC later in the year re; DES trying to get permits out faster and LMRLAC trying to work with the local level.

8:25PM Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn, Roger St. Laurent 2nds, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) TUESDAY 7/12/12

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary