

Litchfield Conservation Commission
September 1, 2011
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
2 Liberty Way

MINUTES APPROVED 10/6/11

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

Selectmen's Rep: John Brunelle

Called to order 7:00 PM

No Public Input

Items Discussed:

- 1. Brandon Kernen, Hydrologist- NHDES Water and Ground Water Bureau** - Re; Darrah Pond, Brandon has been involved with Darrah Pond for 12 years, the first project he worked on was complaints that the water level at Darrah Pond was low, a few hundred thousand gallons of water a day used by the Dane/Ducharme wells in the Darrah Aquifer. Mr. Kernen made it clear in his study of Darrah that possibly Pennichuck and Litchfield could reduce the amount of water drawn on the Aquifer it would be part of the solution. The water level at Darrah Pond is lower now than in 2009 but it is still a couple of feet higher than it was in 2003. The ball fields at Campbell High School have increased from 1 field to currently 3. In the 1980's there were no state requirements as far as monitoring that changed in 1998, wells had to be tested and prove what withdrawal amounts they were taking. Rainfall amounts are gathered but currently for Litchfield the amount is gathered from Nashua. Perhaps hydrologic studies be done at Campbell High School. Campbell H. S is trying to measure their water use and reduce the amount, after a couple of DES visits it is noted they are using reduced amounts. Mr. Kernen states that DES could ask all users to voluntarily reduce withdrawal amounts until Darrah Pond is back to higher water levels. A violation would cause a mandated reduction. Aquatic Biologists would check mud flats etc., If a reduction were to take place it would be an equal amount for all drawing on the well not just Pennichuck as the biggest user. Are there alternative water supplies in Litchfield?? Roger St. Laurent asks where there is blasting in the quarries on West Road (Litchfield/Londonderry Town Line) could that water be pumped into the pond (artificial re-charge)? LCC asked Brandon Kernen if we (LCC) could have a meeting with the three biggest users (Town of Hudson NH, Campbell H. S. & Pennichuck) to voice our concerns that we are just trying to save the pond and the net loss of aquatic habitat.

2. **Londonderry Representative for State Forests** was supposed to come in re; signage in the State Forest where it meets the Town of Londonderry.
3. **Moore's Falls** - June 27, 2011 inspection report by Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) stated:
 - North bound very dense growth and impossible to walk
 - Open areas growing in. Mowing should be done after the end of August.Jack Pinciario – Road Agent said LCC can use his resources. Roger St. Laurent suggests we wait until the first frost.
4. **Garden Street Fen** – neighbor reported seeing a discarded automobile tire in there. LCC to clean the area after the first frost.
5. **Pre and Post mosquito larval treatment** was done at the Passaconaway Country Club only on 6/13 – 6/14.
6. **2012 Budgets** – price on cutting fields Jack Pinciario Road Agent hasn't gotten back to Joan McKibben yet.

Any Other Business:

- Stage Crossing Annual Walk – will be planned at October's Meeting.

Tom Levesque Motions to accept August Minutes as corrected, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-1.

8:05 PM Roger St. Laurent Motions to adjourn, John Brunelle 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) 10-6-11

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary