

Litchfield Conservation Commission  
May 5, 2011  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall  
2 Liberty Way

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

Selectmen’s Rep: John Brunelle

Absent: Stephen Tarara – Alternate

MINUTES APPROVED

Called to order 7:00 PM

No Public Input

Items Discussed:

1. **Tax Map 22 Lot 11** – Rene Theroux (property owner for proposed gas station in an aquifer protection district) & Kevin Lynch (Litchfield Building Inspector) in attendance. Mr. Lynch to speak to LCC regarding gas stations and fuel storage. Kevin Lynch states that the gasoline underground storage tanks are monitored and maintained, they are equipped with alarms and they are contained. Spillage is minimal to nothing, just surface spills. Hoses are designed to snap off and shut down, the pumps are equipped with dry chem Systems. As an example the Mobile Gas Station in Manchester the dry chem system accidently discharged and the chem powder went everywhere. Older systems lines weren’t protected as they are now. Litchfield NH is basically all in an aquifer protection district some areas rate higher in importance as far as aquifer districts. In Kevin Lynch’s opinion fuel tanks at gas stations not the problem, residents in the area of the proposed gas station all have 250 gal oil tanks in their basements, people have gas tanks in their garages more of chance of leakage from these, the businesses in the area have fuel storage. Joan McKibben asks the question of the possibility of vapor releases from UST (underground storage tanks). Vapor release, chronic small spills and larger spills sometimes take place during the process of fueling vehicles and portable containers. MtBE isn’t used in the gasoline anymore, which can be found in groundwater wherever gasoline is used and has been found to easily escape from UST’s. The State of NH does not have a hard requirement for frequency of inspections, generally every 3 years.
2. **LMRLAC** (Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee) Meeting April 28, 2011 Mike Croteau attended, there were 6 people in attendance, they were glad Mike was there, Mike is interested in joining the committee. There was an Engineer from Nashua discussing CSO’s

(Combine Sewer Overflows), PSNH Substation Project in Merrimack NH and the Lowell MA pneumatic crest-gate system and the Hydroelectric Boot Plant in Lowell MA.

3. **Eagle Scout Projects** -mapping state forest routes - Joan McKibben hasn't heard back from Eagle Scout. Tom Levesque brought in maps of the Musquash Conservation Area in Londonderry NH maybe we could put a kiosk where Litchfield Town Forrest meets Musquash. Joan McKibben is trying to get info from the State regarding this idea, maybe we could have signage 'you are here' type signs.
4. **Renewal of Commission Members** terms – Joan McKibben, Tom Levesque and Mike Croteau, paper work for background checks has to be completed.
5. **Fishing Derby** – Marion has a table and Richard has a trash can. LCC has lots of prizes and we have the worms for sale. LCC to meet at the pond Saturday May 7 at 7:30, derby starts for the younger kids at 8:00 and 8:15 for the older kids. Nick Oberti and Chris Godzik have volunteered to help. Girl Scouts will have a stand set up selling cookies. Marion Godzik has the thank you card for Mr. Ducharme (property owner where derby takes place).
6. **3A - Charles Bancroft Highway** Clean up Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM meet at the Fire Station.
7. **Tom Levesque Motions for Non- Public** Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion Roll Call Vote 7-0-0 8:20 PM – 8:30 RSA 91A:3 9(d)

**Any Other Business:**

Roger St. Laurent Motions to accept April Minutes as amended, Joan McKibben 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 7-0-0.

8:30 PM Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn, Marion Godzik 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) 6 -3-11

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary