

Litchfield Conservation Commission  
March 3, 2011  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall  
2 Liberty Way

MINUTES APPROVED 4/7/11

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

Selectmen's Rep: Frank Byron

Absent: Joan McKibben Chairman  
Stephen Tarara – Alternate

Called to order 7:00 PM

Tom Levesque appoints Michael Croteau to open seat.

No Public Input

Items Discussed:

1. **Recreation Commission** – Jason Allen and Keith Buxton re; **Tax Map 17 Lot 28** (roughly 16 Acres), property has been surveyed and shows wetland delineation. The Recreation Commission proposes in the northern section of the property they would like to put 2 soccer fields and either 1 additional soccer field or a lacrosse field. The plan also includes the possibility of a dog park and a nature trail that would connect to the existing bike trail. Maybe a baseball field in the future. Tom Levesque suggests we wait until snow melts and do a site walk before the LCC makes any advisement. Keith Buxton asks would LCC have a problem with the possibility on lighting for the fields. Tom Levesque states they would have to be sensitive to the neighbors and they would have to adhere to Town Guidelines. Tom Levesque stats as soon as the snow melts LCC would do a site walk with the Recreation Commission. Jason Allen states they would look into the possibility of solar lighting for the park and fields. Roger St. Laurent asks would there be any night games? Ideally it would extend the soccer and softball seasons. The Rec Commission has been in touch with a logger he gave them a deadline of May 1, 2011 to work with if they could meet that deadline he would give them more money for the trees that were cut, he would cut 5 acres at a time. Rec Commision is going to the Board of Selectman (BOS) on March 14, 2011.
2. **Sherry Trefry from GZA GeoEnvironmental and Laura Games from PSNH** the project in Litchfield would supplement the existing project on the Merrimack NH side. The project would consist of moving the existing K165 line to the south of where it is right now so they could install new transmission lines. Project would include wood laminate poles and cutting trees in the Southern portion of the existing right of way. 1,685' of timber will be cut. No cutting or impacts near Vernal Pools. The project would disturb 2 square feet, permanent impact. PSNH working

with NH Fish and Game Dept and U.S. Wildlife Services, they don't have any concerns with the project. There are bald eagles and hognose snakes in the area. Tree cutting would begin prior to April 25, 2011 and they would leave the area by June not to impact the hognose snakes breeding season. PSNH is working with the property owners on Cummings Drive to leave a tree cover. Shore land Permit Application submitted today, March 3, 2011. Application Package being sent to PSNH in the next week or so, LCC will also get a copy.

Correspondence:

Saving Special Places Conference Saturday April 9, 2011.

Richard Husband Motions to accept January Minutes as amended, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 7-0-0.

8:00 PM Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn , Sharon Jones 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) 4 -7-11

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary