

Litchfield Conservation Commission
September 2, 2010
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
Richard Husband

Selectmen's Rep: Frank Byron

Absent: Stephen Tarara – Alternate
Michael Croteau – Alternate

MINUTES ACCEPTED 10/7/10

Called to order 7:02 PM

Dick Jefferson Litchfield resident in attendance.

No Public Input

Items Discussed:

1. **Map 2 Lot 83 and 128 Cutler Road** - Mario Plant MDP (Property Owner) spoke to Jay Hodes (Town Attorney) and told him he tried to connect with Mr. Guilbeault again and per Mrs. Guilbeault they are in agreement that they do not own the strip of property where their trailer is currently parked. Jay Hodes wants a 'quit claim' deed from the Guilbeaults.
 - a. Mario Plant sent Joan McKibben a letter August 25, 2010 stating he wants a decision within 60 days if LCC purchase the property or he will have to reconsider the offer.
2. **Map 12 Lot 25 Stage Crossing** – (trail access swap) LCC wants access at 50' right away – by the trolley track and old cornfield. The trail could start up the old existing dirt road that runs parallel the real road. LCC has walked in by Unit 4 which abuts Town property line. Joan McKibben to contact Mr. Poulis President of the condo assoc., to set up a site walk with him for next Thursday September 9, 2010 @ 6PM if he is available. LCC to meet at condo assoc. clubhouse.
3. **Joan McKibben** received a call from Litchfield Student Tucker Dahlbach , he would like to get involved in a community project. Possible ideas: Garden Street Fen, Litter pick up along Albuquerque, (discarded) tire clean up, clean up of bitter sweet at Parker Park, and trimming at Moore's Falls. Mrs. McKibben to find out Tucker's age first.

4. **LCC** received \$13,500 in 'current use' funds.
5. **Outreach** to the elder citizens in Litchfield re; putting out some info late winter 2011 for the upcoming season natural defenses against mosquitoes, and a 'bats are good' campaign.
6. **Dar-Col Stables horse farm** – Darlene Dubois property owner was contemplating sub-dividing the property, she wants to keep it as a farm, 40 acres total and she would like to keep the back piece. LCC land abuts this property. The Farm Bill provides funding to property owners that put wetlands on the property. Joan McKibben has left a voice message to talk to Ms. Dubois.
7. **Map 9 Lot 108 - Steve Normanton – Organic Livestock and Farm** (formerly Nesenkeag Farm) Steve leases the land for agricultural purposes. Mr. Normanton is applying for a Minimum Impact Expedition Application re; the seasonal tributary to Nesenkeag Stream, NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) has been working with him. Old farm machinery has eroded some of the area. Mr. Normanton is proposing a 24" culvert to keep the water moving through that location. The Merrimack River backs up to this spring, the bottom section had 6ft of water. The proposed culvert length would be 30ft. Joan McKibben **Motions** LCC to sign Minimum Impact Expedition Application for Wetlands Disturbance, Tom Levesque 2nds the Motion. Unanimous Vote 7-0-0.
8. **2011 Budget** - revised from \$3,061 submitted by LCC to \$3,016, Line Item 330 Property Mgmt reduced to \$750., in lieu of \$800., submitted. Changes made by Town Administrator.
9. **Blackbird Lane** - Joan McKibben would like to send the homeowners on Blackbird Lane – Homeowners Guide to Protecting Frogs, pamphlet put out by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
10. **Sybil Lane** - Tom Levesque spoke to Mr. Richter the property owner, Andy Prolman Attorney for the property owner is working on a letter of acceptance to send to LCC for the October Meeting.

Any Other Business:

Joan McKibben left a message for Peter Hendrick, re; trail naming, Peter is a great source of Indian Names.

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

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

October Meeting – July Minutes and set the date for 3A cleanup.

8:00M Tom Levesque Motions to adjourn ,Roger St. Laurent Motions 2nds, Motion carries 7-0-0.

Next Meeting(s) 10 -7-10

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary