

Litchfield Conservation Commission

January 7, 2010

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 2/4/10

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

Absent: Joan McKibben Chairman
Selectmen's Rep: Andy Santom
Stephen Tarara – Alternate

Called to order 7:05 PM

Vice Chairman Tom Levesque appointed Michael Croteau to the open seat for the meeting.

Items Discussed:

- 1. Culverts at Albuquerque, Chase Brook, and Page/Cranberry Roads need replacing –** Kevin Leonard, P. E. from Northpoint Engineering and Chris Danforth Senior Wetland Scientist from CKD – Christopher K. Danforth and Assoc. in attendance. Both gentlemen have been working with Jack Pinciario the Litchfield Road Agent regarding replacement of the culverts. Not all three culverts would be replaced at this time, the Albuquerque culvert is the priority at this time. Mr. Leonard mentioned they would like to get permitted soon to try and get the work started late spring 2010. There are currently 2 6x5' culverts at Albuquerque, proposed are 2 8x6' including 1' buried bottom designed not to raise the road itself. Tom Levesque and Roger St. Laurent both think the road should be increased by 1', Kevin Leonard said that will increase the cost. The Road Agent Jack Pinciario told Kevin Leonard not to raise the road in his plans. BOS authorized the gentlemen to put the project out to bid, not including Wetland Scientist. The contractor chosen will submit to Kevin Leonard for review. Marion Godzik asks

how long will Albuquerque be closed for, it is unknown at this time but 1 side of Albuquerque will be worked on at a time, but the road will be closed.

Mike Croteau asks, how long to divert the stream and what impacts would that have. Chris Danforth says it would have little disturbance and the work is to be done or "in the dry" (during low water periods. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Danforth are ready to apply for the 'dredge and fill' permit and are waiting for a blessing from LCC, they hope to have the permit in less than a month. The life expectancy of the culvert is 75 years, it will be a concrete culvert. Mr. Husband asks, is this a plan you wanted or is the plan what you had to do, Mr. Leonard answers the plan he drew up was how he would want to fix the culvert. Next projects/repair but not at this time would be Page Road which currently has 24" pipe culvert and proposed would be 6x6' box culvert with 1' buried. Cranberry Road has 30" pipe culvert and proposed would be 10x5' including 1' buried. Jack Pinciario thinks a portion may have to be replaced now. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Danforth will send copies of the plan/project to Mrs. McKibben. Mr. Frank Richardson of the Wetlands Bureau will review the plan. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Danforth are hoping the BOS will sign off next Monday night 1/11/10. LCC in agreement the work needs to be done.

2. **Map 2 Lot 128 Cutler Road** – BOS have LCC blessing to purchase the land, LCC to walk/site visit again, Saturday 1/15/10. Plastic pipe coming out of the ground in the back was noticed last time LCC walked the land. LCC to check it out 'due diligence' per BOS.
3. **LCC funding issues** with BOS, Tom Levesque gets Roger St. Laurent up to speed.

Any Other Business/Correspondence:

3A illegally cut trees in the 50' buffer?? Tom Levesque to speak to Mrs. McKibben and Kevin Lynch, Code Enforcement Officer.

Roger St. Laurent Motions to accept 12/4/09 Minutes as amended, Marion Godzik 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-0.

7:55 P.M. Motions to adjourn, Roger St. Laurent 2nds the Motion, Motion carries 6-0-0.

Next Meeting(s): 2-4-10

Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary