



# TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

(pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, Meetings open to the public)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013 7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
2 LIBERTY WAY**

Minutes approved Dec. 5, 2013

**Present:** Thomas Levesque  
Joan McKibben, Chairman  
Richard Husband  
Roger St. Laurent  
Marion Godzik  
Pat Jewett- arrived 7:15 PM

- Meeting called to order at 7:03PM
- Michael Croteau appointed alternate in place of Sharon Jones
- Don Keirstead from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 10/30/2013 site visits in Litchfield for possible habitat enhancement for New England Cottontails and other species. Don discussed the fact that a grant was approved for the reintroduction of the Cottontail Rabbit in the Merrimack Valley. This would require prep work of the site to make the habitat attractive to the rabbits. The Moores Falls Conservation Area and several river front areas were discussed as possible areas suitable for this project. At this point in time the Moores Falls has reached a growth that isn't conducive to the

habitat that the Cotton Tail Rabbits need to thrive. To enhance this area brush and trees to be cut loam piles that have been stockpiled years ago can be spread out. Also various bushes and plants would need to be planted. There were NE Cotton Tail Rabbits on this piece of land 10 years ago. Once the land has been prepped the Cotton Tails would be brought in by the NRCS. They are currently being bred and mature adults would be transported to our area after the habitat stabilizes. Some plants that would enhance the survival of the species include Dogwood, Choke Berry, Raspberry, Blueberry and Hazelnut. Next step in this endeavor would be a site walk, and draft plans. The Conservation Commission must be kept apprised of the progress. Due to the Control and Best Use Policy, under which the Conservation Commission operates. Roger wants to be part of this project, as he has worked extensively at Moores Falls with the mower. Tom Levesque makes a motion we work with the USDA, on Moores Falls parcel tax map 22 lot 13 and the Muster Field on Rte. 3A tax map 12 lot 12. Roger seconds the motion.

Motion Passes 6-0-0

As a side note Darlene DeBlois has noticed hunters have installed deer stands at the edge of her property. And although she thinks the Cotton Tail Project is great, she worries about hunters taking the rabbits.

- Darrah Pond Lowly Water Milfoil Budget Committee agrees milfoil should be taken care of. They don't agree with the method of payment. They want us to take the funds out of the accrued money. This would require a warrant article to spend the money as we are authorized in RSA 36-A:4

Joan will direct Jason Hoch, Town Administrator, to draft up a Warrant Article to "expand our ability to use Conservation Funds according to RSA 36-A:4. To include upkeep and improvement of Conservation Commission Properties."

- Richard Husband letter to Hudson BOS 9/19/2013 and BOS request of 10/14. Hudson BOS replied to us station they didn't want to discuss the water consumption from Darrah Pond any further. They stated that if we had anything else to say we should take them to court. Richard Husband replied in kind and filed papers with the Courts in Nashua. A hearing has been set for Dec. 12, 2013 in Nashua District Court.
- Map 1 Lot 20 correspondence from Peter Nash & Kevin Slattery. They don't want to add any restrictions to the land at this time until they know their future plans for development. They will keep the Commission informed.
- Steve Normanton reply Oct. 16 re: Moore's Falls fields for grazing. Steve stated that there isn't enough acreage in this are for grazing of the cattle.
- Feb 14, 15, 16 Litchfield Winter Carnival. Possible ideas we might suggest include snow shoeing, and ice fishing.
- Planning Board proposed Zoning change on Impervious Surface definition and amount of coverage of impervious surface- no zoning changes were made.
- e-mail from John Poulos 9/17/2013 re access at Stage Crossing. We will continue to use the easement as it is written presently.

- Tammy Law 58 Talent Rd. and wetland violation in forested wetland 22 Campbell Dr. 40 sq. feet
- Clean Rte. 3A Nov. 23, 2013
- Motion to adjourn made by Tom Levesque, second by Michael Croteau Passed 7-0-0
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marion A Godzik

Non-Public Session 11-7-13

Motion made by Joan McKibben to go into Closed Session. Second made by Tom Levesque. Motion passes 7-0-0

Joan had a conversation and site walk with Mr. Jefferson regarding his home and property on Rt. 3-A in Litchfield. Mr. Jefferson, when the time is appropriate, would like said property to be preserved in its current state. This parcel is a total of 34 acres with an access from Rt. 3A. He wants to keep several acres with the large white home situated along Rt. 3A as well as the smaller home where his father resided.. Roger feels this might be one of the remaining parcels of land in Litchfield with 80'-100' pine trees, along with plenty of Oak and Beech Trees. Mr. Jefferson will get the property appraised, we will await further communication from Mr. Jefferson concerning this issue.

Motion made by Tom Levesque and Seconded by Michael Croteau to come out of non public session.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marion A Godzik