

Litchfield Conservation Commission  
October 2, 2014  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall  
2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 11/6/2014

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

Selectmen's Rep: John Brunelle

Called to order 7:05 PM

- 1. 296 Charles Bancroft Hwy** – Tax Map 15, Lot 22, 13.6 acres, Richard Husband drafted up Declarations of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the Town to record, mainly for agricultural purpose. LCC agrees that RSA 477:45-47, Item A should be amended to include the wording, 'predominately used for agricultural use. NH Fish and Game has not responded to Joan McKibben regarding questions about a boat ramp, for only 'hand carrying' boats, ie; kayaks and canoes. Mrs. McKibben will now reach out to State Representatives. LCC to re-address at October's Meeting. Closing cost \$800., John Brunelle to take it back to BOS (Board of Selectman) to see if it can come out of the Town Budget not LCC Budget.
- 2. Nicholas Coates, Executive Director NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)** in attendance along with Emily Lord – Program Director for NHACC. Nicholas Coates is a relatively new Executive Director (eff 5/1/14) and wants to meet with all the 215 Conservation Commissions in NH. They have a strong relationship with NH Fish and Game. Their funding includes; Member Dues; the Annual Meeting, and Grant Writing which is a new function for them. Mrs. McKibben asks, is there an outline for Town's National Resources Inventory? Mr. Coates answers, it is on the NH Resource Library website, but he will send the link. NHACC publishes a monthly newsletter, LCC

can send Emily Lord our news ie; trouble we are having, land acquisitions, etc., and she will put it in the newsletter. NHACC can be followed through Social Media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram. In 2012 a bill was introduced to eliminate conservation commissions and trusts, known as 'The Dirty Dozen Bills of 2012'. Emily Lord spoke about the Field Training Series including Learning to Live with Beavers, Wetland workshops, Invasive Plants Workday. Richard Husband asks for information regarding what grants are available, Emily Lord responds the bottom of the newsletter has that info and LCC could contact them to find out what grants are available.

- 3 **Darrah Pond** – long term management plan needed after the pesticides were applied Stingray Aquatic Herbicide. Joan McKibben hasn't heard back from them since the last payment for the treatment has been sent in. LCC should talk to the Recreation Commission, Chairman Levesque said we (LCC) should attend the Rec Commission meeting to discuss they assist us or take over the long term management plan of the pond. LCC to still look into the Sterile Carp idea used to control aquatic weeds.
4. **Moore's Falls** – sink hole - letter sent to RJ Maloney Colby Family Attorney on 9/12/14 re: fence and sink hole. There is structural damage to the clay pipe along the trolley track. Joan McKibben to go to Home Depot for prices on split rail fences. Joan McKibben is also waiting to hear back if the field will be cut by NRCS as part of the reintroduction of the cottontail rabbit in the Merrimack Valley.
5. **Darrah Pond – gas motor boats**, LCC awaiting results of September 5, 2014 meeting re; gas motors on Darrah Pond from NH Dept of Safety which has jurisdiction of water over 12 acres but nothing yet.
6. **Budget 2015** – possible budget amendment at February 2015 Deliberative Session.

Tom Levesque entertains a Motion to accept **July Minutes** as amended (re; rain amount by Roger St. Laurent, Minutes show -1.8" but it was 1.8") . Roger St. Laurent Motions Joan McKibben 2nds the Motion, **Motion carries 6-0-2.**

Tom Levesque entertains a Motion to accept **August Minutes**, Marion Godzik Motions to accept August Minutes as amended, Roger St. Laurent 2nds, **Motion carries 6-0-2.**

Tom Levesque entertains a Motion to accept **September Minutes**, Joan McKibben Motions to accept September Minutes as amended, Roger St. Laurent 2nds, **Motion carries, 4-0-4.**

**Other Business:**

Clean up Rt 3A, tentative date November 8, discuss at November meeting.

Roger St. Laurent enters the rain total for September, 2.60 inches of rain

Tom Levesque Motions to **adjourn** at 8:30 Marion Godzik seconds, **Motion passes 8-0-0**

**Next Meeting(s) Thursday , November 6, 2014**

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary