

Litchfield Conservation Commission
January 8, 2015
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved 2/5/2015

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 7:00 PM

Old Business:

- **Moore's Falls** – Fence for entry way on Rte 3A available at Tractor Supply Store for \$250., Jack Pinciero (Road Agent) will install.
- **Darrah Pond** – milfoil update on grass eating Carp via email to Joan McKibben from John A. Magee, Fish Habitat Biologist, NH Fish and Game Dept., Mr. Magee states, His understanding is that the process used to induce triploidy (makes them sterile) is not always 100% effective. Sometimes some of the fish are diploid (the CAN reproduce). Because of that US Fish and Wildlife Service does not guarantee that grass carp are sterile (see <http://fws.gov/warmsprings/FishHealth/frgrscrp.html>). Mr. Magee and NH Fish and Game feel the potential benefits, and Fish and Game Administrative Rules make it a violation to put grass carp into an waterbody in NH.
- **Covenants for Certain Town owned property** – Town Council (Laura Spector-Morgan, Esquire) sent an email dated Dec 8 to Joan McKibben as a reply to email sent to Town Council with verbiage that LCC drew up as a template to use for our conservation purchased properties. Town Council states it's an unenforceable declaration because it is an agreement not between anyone and not supported by any consideration. Moreover, it is an unnecessary declaration, because when the ConsComm purchases property with conservation funds, that land must be managed in furtherance of the purposes of RSA36-A, which is properly utilize and protect the natural resources and

watershed resources of the town, she does not recommend using it. Richard Husband wants to put it on Town owned property going forward. It is not intended to undo the purposes of RSA36-A.

New Business:

- **Parker Park at Brookyard Spring** – repairs possibly by County Community Service Workers, LCC needs funds for payment. It's not LCC property, LCC would have to go to the Deliberative Session to try to get our budget increased.
- **Site walk December 19, 2014** – with NH Fish & Game Geologist, re; river access on the Jefferson Parcel that abuts NH State Property. Public boat ramp will probably never happen. Rich Cook at NH Fish and Game will be LCC's contact, Joan McKibben knows him.
- **Winter Fest - February 13, 14, & 15** The Recreation Commission has for the second year invited LCC to participate with ice fishing and snow shoeing to be held on Sunday February 15, 2015. Sharon Jones will contact NH Fish & Game 'Lets go Fishing' to see if they will come again with ice fishing equipment and to help the kids learn about fish and safety. Sharon Jones and Marion Godzik will help out with ice fishing and Joan McKibben and Richard Husband will lead the snow shoe treks.

Other Business:

- **Rain fall report** - record kept by Roger St. Laurent. For the month of December Litchfield had 6.2" liquid precipitation includes 2.5" of snowfall, 3.87" is the average.
- **Emerald Ash Borer** workshop January 30, 2015, 1-4 PM Concord, Joan McKibben signed up, Sharon Jones and Roger St. Laurent will sign up to go as well.
- **Litchfield Town Website** – has information regarding the proposed pipeline.

Financial Status:

- **Budget** - Roger St. Laurent recommends LCC to request increase in Budget Amendment by \$1, 500., at January 20, 2015 Deliberative Session, \$1,000. clean up Parker Park. Moore's Falls \$250. for a gate and \$250., for gravel. **UNANIMOUS**

Correspondence:

- **NH Fish & Game** – NE Cottontail Habitat LCIP parcel across from Litchfield Library, LCC hasn't heard back yet from Fish & Game, a phenomenal job was done clearing the parcel they used the brontosaurus, native shrubs will be planted there, a letter went out to the abutters and the Library.

Approval of Minutes:

- Richard Husband Motions to amend December 4, 2014 Minutes to show a Non-Public Session, Roger St. Laurent seconds the Motion, **Motion carries 5-0-2**

Joan McKibben Motions at 7:45 PM to go to **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A II (d)**, Sharon Jones seconds , **Motion passes 8-0-0**

Joan McKibben Motions to come out of Non-Public at 8:00 PM, Roger St. Laurent seconds **Motion passes 8-0-0**

Tom Levesque Motions to **adjourn** at 8:00 Roger St. Laurent seconds, **Motion passes 8-0-0**

Next Meeting(s) Thursday , February 5, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary