

Litchfield Conservation Commission
February 4, 2016
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
2 Liberty Way

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

Selectmen’s Rep: Brent Lemire

Absent: Richard Husband

APPROVED

Called to order 7:00 PM

Chairman Levesque appoints Michael Croteau to the open seat.

Public Input –None

I. Old Business:

- **Tennessee Gas Pipeline** – Richard Husband attended the last meeting, LCC needs wetlands mitigation ideas.
- **Wetland Setback** – November 17, 2015 Planning Board Meeting, the outcome is the Planning Board decided to wait on this issue. LCC needs to follow up.
- **Moore’s Falls** – Joan McKibben put the fence up a little better, Roger St. Laurent went Sunday January 31st the ground is still frozen and couldn’t hammer the fence in. Joan McKibben said we need to put reflectors on the fence.
- **Forestry update** – ground is not frozen enough to do much.
- **Stage Crossing** – Mr. Poulis spoke to Joan McKibben regarding swapping of property (LCC’s easement), LCC to walk the property again in spring. Joan McKibben told Mr. Poulis their property would have to be brushed out.

II. New Business:

- **Winterfest** – February 12-14
- **Bobcat Public Hearing** – Joan McKibben, Marion Godzik and Richard Husband attended the meeting, the people who spoke against hunting the bobcats were very well spoken, several fish and game clubs spoke out against it, the vote is in two weeks.
- **Hemlock Invasive Workshop** – Roger St. Laurent attended, there were 32 people in attendance the room was full. At this time the infestation is pretty spotty, the main spreader is the birds, they recommend not feeding the birds. Another workshop will be held in the spring.
- **Wildlife Action Plan Regional Workshop** – January 14, 2016 in Concord NH, Joan McKibben attended.
- **Proposed Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge** –learn more at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/refuges/planning/lpp/greatthicketLPP.html>
- **Page Road subdivision** – 105 acres, the conceptual design would be single family homes including multi-family homes to the East, with over 20 acres as conservation open space design. Open space lot design has vernal pools, the owner wanted to know if LCC/Town wanted it if not it would be owned by the property owners of the homes. LCC to think about it.

III. Other Business:

- Roger St. Laurent says that a huge pine tree came down and is blocking the path to the State Forest, Joan McKibben will contact DRED (New Hampshire Dept. of Resources and Economic Development)
- Rain fall report - Roger St. Laurent, January 2016 - 3..4" of liquid/rain and 7.5" of snow.

Approval of Minutes:

Roger St. Laurent **Motions** to accept January Minutes, Joan McKibben 2nds, **Motion carries 4-0-0**

Brent Lemire Motions to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Roger St. Laurent 2nds, **Motion carries -7-0-0**.

Next Meeting(s) Thursday, March 3rd 2016.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon M. Jones, Secretary