

Chesterfield Conservation Commission

Minutes of meeting: February 19, 2024

Commissioners present: John Follet, Doug Fraser, Ann Pickrell

Commissioner(s) absent: Julia Freedgood, Sherrill Redmon

Others Present: LauraDimmler, Kammile Osborne, Gail Stathis, Carol Blanchard, Steve Stathis

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm
2. Minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Hearings
4. Old business
 - Following the last meeting John corresponded to Amy Wickland expressing our sympathy for the flooding of her driveway and offered our willingness to help. We have not heard from her.
 - Gail Stathis and Kam Osborne presented some proposals for minor changes to File# 132-0132. Included is a proposal to spell out instances more specifically of when debris removal can occur. In the past there has been confusion as to whether such practices can occur throughout the year or just during drawdowns. Tree cutting was discussed as recent beaver activity has created threats to property damage. The current Commission policy as to how to handle tree removal with or without Conservation Commission intervention will be shared with the corporation and included with the OoC. In addition they were reminded of the opportunity to request an Emergency Certification if necessary.
5. New business

Two site visits occurred recently:

 - 510 Main Rd. A house currently for sale will require a new septic system. The site was requested because of wetness in the vicinity of the system. The presence of a jurisdictional wetland will need to be determined by requiring that an RDA be filed. The engineer will be notified.
 - 2 River Rd. The owner is proposing a project that will divert water away from an old barn due for restoration. He is proposing a curtain drain that would direct water into an old fire pond that he wishes to dredge. In addition he is planning another curtain drain on the North side of the house draining into a culvert beneath a field connected to a town culvert that lies beneath the road coming from the fire pond. The first part of the project does not lie in a jurisdictional wetland (the pond is not jurisdictional) and so a permitting process is not required. The rest of the work is going to require participation of the Highway Dept. When the owner and the highway Dept. have a plan, they will approach the CC for further advice. These findings will be conveyed to the owner.
6. Other business

In executive session two people interested in being appointed to the CC was discussed. Laura Dimmler will be invited to join the Commission and Patti Gosselin will be invited to join the Commission as an associate non-voting member.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Submitted: March 18, 2024

John S Follet

Approved: March 18, 2024