## Town of Chesterfield Watershed Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

Present – Bayard Tracy, Ron Coburn, Charlie Paquette, Brad Roscoe and Dan Syvertsen

Brad called meeting to order at 9:31.

Dan made a motion to review the minutes, seconded by Bayard. Minor grammar edits were made. Bayard moved to accept the minutes, Ron seconded. Accepted unanimously.

## **Questions for Lawyer**

Can be a privileged conversation, it does not have to be open to the public. Committee agrees it should be open to the public. It is scheduled for March 31 at 9:30 AM.

We will send questions ahead of time to help him prepare for the conversation.

Jeff Scott poised the question on whether a line can be added to the building permit asking applicants to agree to meet local, state and federal regulations.

- Does the municipality need authority given to them by the state to enforce state regulations?
- If the state does give the municipality the authority to enforce regulations, what steps does the municipality have to take to be able to enforce?
  - i.e. if a building goes up inside the 250' shoreline from the water quality protection act, is an ordinance required to enforce the state laws
- Do our regulations prevent land
- How does the Town enforce maintenance that is required of systems.
- Does the Town have the authority to change language on a building permit without a change to an ordinance.

Conversation moved to pervious vs impervious ground coverage and what the current town regulations allow and don't allow.

Bayard left the meeting at 10 AM.

## **Water Testing**

Chris Oot shared follow up conversations with Sara Steiner with DES. We are doing about 4x more sampling than other lakes, but they are prepared to support us in this work. The additional testing is for 2022 only.

Chris will go back to FB Environmental with the recommendation from VLAP and the Watershed Committee.

VLAP will be out 2 weeks after ice out to do the first round of testing for this year.

The committee discussed the volunteers that would be needed to get the testing done. Ideally there will be 6 people for every testing event. Ideally there will be a pool of people that can be asked every time.

Charlie moved to adjourn, Ron seconded. Passed unanimously.

Signature

**Brad Roscoe** 

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Chairman