

**Town of Chesterfield
Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023**

Present – Bayard Tracy, Brad Roscoe, Dan Syvertsen and Richard Mellen

Absent - Charlie Paquette and Selectboard Rep Judy Idelkope

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

Review of Minutes

Bayard moved to approve the minutes from August 10, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Water Quality Update

Chris has results from the July 25 testing event. Abnormally low pH levels at 4 different sites. High conductivity everywhere, as normal. Conductivity at the deep spot was excessive. Even lower dissolved oxygen at the deep spot (3.66) which is earlier than normal for this year.

He also shared results from the storm sampling event on June 27. Higher e. coli at a lot of the inlets and their respective watersheds along with low pH readings and elevated total phosphorus. The storm sampling demonstrates pollutant loads are increased by the runoff from the surrounding watershed during storm events.

No results from the total phosphorus testing yet from the July testing.

Bills have been sent for the water testing from the SLA to the Town.

Cyanobacteria was present at Moose Hollow beach recently and DES put out an advisory. SLA is waiting for toxicity results from the sample sent to the lab in Florida.

Planning Board Follow Up

Brad reported follow up from the proposal for a subcommittee. They agreed to form the subcommittee, but requested no selectboard member be involved. It will be a subcommittee of the Planning Board. The subcommittee was created and will include Brad, Bayard, Steve Laskowski and Keith Kohanski. Their first meeting is next Monday at 9:30 AM. The goal will be to write an ordinance that the Planning Board can approve.

Brad shared his thoughts on not establishing a watershed district to get started because it is not necessary for the other goals of updating definitions and increasing the ability of landowners to use permeable pavements.

Driveway Permitting

Dan did not have an update on driveway permits. He will have something to present at the next meeting.

Other Business

Bayard brought up the possibility of the Town using ARPA funds to upgrade the boat ramp. An engineer looked at the Fish and Game plans and estimated \$100,000-\$140,000 to complete the work. The SLA could potentially support the project by getting professional plans from an engineer.

Bayard made a motion to propose that the watershed committee recommend to the Selectboard that they use ARPA funds to fix the boat ramp. Seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Signature

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brad Roscoe', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brad Roscoe
Chairman