Town of Chesterfield Watershed Committee Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

Present – Bayard Tracy, Brad Roscoe, Dan Syvertsen, Richard Mellen and Selectboard Rep Judy Idelkope.

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Review of Minutes

Bayard moved to review the minutes from December 19, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Committee Member Update

Brad told everyone that Charlie Paquette has resigned from the committee. Judy told the committee the Selectboard has appointed the committee members for another year.

Bayard made a motion to nominate Brad as chairman and Dan as secretary, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Water Testing

Brad shared an email from Chris who shared that F&B is on track for completing the updated Lake loading model.

Planning Board Follow Up

Brad shared that the update from the Planning Board meeting on 1/8/24:

3 amendments that are connected to the our work were approved for the ballot as written, this includes:

- Amendment 1
 - o "Pervious Paving" and "Impermeable Coverage" definitions
 - o 203.4 C, 204.4 and 205.4 (coverage limits)
- Amendment 2
 - 13.08 (surface water management)
- Amendment 3
 - 16.03 (driveway permits)

Brad made a motion for the Watershed committee to support all 3 of these amendments, Bayard seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brad will also follow up with the Town lawyer to ask if the driveway permit amendment opens the Town up to future lawsuits.

Discussion ensued about preparing to communicate and advocate for what may end up on the ballot.

Information Meeting

February 25 was suggested as a possible date for a Town meeting that would include "Meet the Candidates" and Zoning amendments. A 4 PM start time was suggested and discussed.

Brad will follow up with Mary Ewell to coordinate the event and work on scheduling it with the Town. In the event that 2/25 does not work, Bayard made a motion to empower Brad to pick the next best option, seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously.

Other Business

The committee discussed the possibility of recommending another member to the Selectboard to replace Charlie. Names were discussed and committee members will follow up with people to determine level of interest.

Bayard brought up the Boat Ramp project and who can be involved in helping the Board of Selectboard oversee the project. He recommended that Ron Coburn and Chris Oot be involved. The Selectboard agreed to form a sub-committee to serve for the next year and it will include Ron, Chris and Bayard.

The Pinnacle Springs grant was discussed and there is still a need for a liaison to work between F&B and the Town to confirm work done and payments being made. Richard volunteered to be this liaison. He can follow up with the Selectboard.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Signature

Brad Roscoe Chairman