Town of Chesterfield Watershed Committee Meeting Minutes September 7, 2023

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

Absent - 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 24, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Water Quality Update

Chris shared that the August sampling happened on Tuesday, 8/29. Every station has water except Seaman's Inlet watershed because of overgrowth.

The only data is DO and e-coli. Nothing notable or different about the samples compared to past trends. It is becoming clear that we have a few key sites that are contributing e-coli and phosphorous on a consistent basis.

For full results the scorecard is accessible on the SLA website.

Brad brought up the results at Clarkdale Pipe showing that there is a high phosphorus load close to the Lake. Chris will work with Brad to determine exact testing locations. Bayard will make contact with the Clarkdale association and Brad will alert the Town.

Driveway Permitting

Dan shared a sample driveway permit and discussed the driveway checklist from Surry, NH. The checklist is tied to regulations in the town ordinances, which is something Chesterfield does not have.

Planning Board Follow Up

Brad shared an update from the sub-committee. It was decided that the recommendations would apply to the whole town. The working group is going to accept the definitions and ordinances surrounding ground coverage and permeable pavements that we recommended.

They also looked at the stormwater management guidelines in the Land Development regulations and determined that they should be worked on to find a way to apply them to residential properties and add it to the building code. The Planning Board sub-committee will be working on this at their next meeting.

Discussion ensued about the value of adding stormwater management to residential properties, the potential of development around the Lake and the importance of providing guidance for property owners to manage the surface water that will come from development.

The committee discussed the need to provide ordinances that both the Planning Board and Town would vote to approve.

Other Business

Bayard brought to the committee's attention that Pam Walton has been looking into wetlands preservation. She is working on identification in the Chesterfield area. She is going to attend a future meeting to discuss involvement in a study to identify wetlands.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Signature

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Brad Roscoe
Chairman