

Meeting Minutes

ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

05/02/13

May 2, 2013

Present: Alan Strickland, Chair, Gary Gaudette, Jeanine King, Sue Hagerman, Shirley Green, Dwight Marchetti

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

April Minutes:

Corrections to April minutes – “Alan was told by police chief that landowner was given permission by Selectboard...”

Signs on Shaker Mountain trails – “...area is for wildlife management.” (That’s the reason no signs wanted; not because of logging.)

Other – Shelley will send completed Minutes to the Committee by email each month, as well as to Alisa Bonnette.

Motion made by Alan to accept April 2013 minutes as amended. Seconded. Passed. Dwight abstained

Green & Strickland to report NH State of the Bird talk and field trip:

Pam did excellent job although not many people showed up; perhaps eight. Pam was able to pinpoint over 200 species, including a sharp shinned hawk. What could have been done differently to attract more people? There was good advertising. Town, Valley News, etc...

Old Business: Shirley Green to update on watershed study/Sue’s letter:

Things are progressing very well. The Steering Committee is being formed at this time. We received bad news on Tuesday. “Due to reductions in the Federal budget, there will be very little money to fund watershed projects this round...” (See letter sent to Shirley for reference). She will continue working with them as there is no telling when things will change. We need to be ready. Regarding the brochure, “Homeowner’s Guide to Shoreline Management”, that was to be put out in the spring but is on hold, Shirley feels we should go ahead and send it out. A discussion ensued about which paper to use, and correct wording. It’s from DES, but we can put in that “this guide was provided to you by the Enfield Conservation Commission. Dwight asked about the mailing costs, plus whether it would be an option for the town to run off the list, that they gave to Shirley, on labels, to affix to the folded flyer for mailing.

Dwight made the motion that we proceed with sending out the flyers as recommended by Shirley to the 400 people on the list, by taking out the cost from the \$1,492 left from the grant. Seconded by Sue. Discussion: Alan asked to review the flyer. Copies of the 16-page document were handed out. Dwight asked if the information included in the flyer wasn’t similar to topics previously discussed. Shirley said yes. Alan asked if the flyer reflected changes made to current legislation. According to Shirley, yes, and that this version of the flyer is still the one used currently by DES. Regulations have changed, but not footage. She just picked up this copy this week at the NH Lakes Office. Dwight feels it is important to get the basic information out to people. Shirley said there are things that people can be doing themselves. She said that storm water runoff is the biggest threat to lakes. “Our biggest chance of protecting the lakes is to educate people” (Shirley). Dwight said that even if they ended up in the waste basket, it’s worth the effort. Vote: Approved. Shirley will get them out before the next meeting. She will call Alan to let him know if help is needed from the committee.

Shirley also mentioned about the cash match for the funding for the watershed proposal; we should have a motion about putting up hard cash; Sue felt we couldn’t do that until we had more information; how much would this be? Shirley said \$4 – 6,000, which would include a match for items such as postage, etc... Dwight suggested we put it in a budget proposal for 2014, to recoup some expenditures.

Correspondence:

4/5/13: Telephone call from Julia Klein-Zawilinski, who hikes the Colette Trail. Dog fell through bridge. Wants to put up some trusses to insure other dogs or kids don't fall in the water. This will be a Girl Scout project.

Discussion: dog fell through a hole; Dwight asked if dog was on a leash; no; Sue said she has told many people that Enfield has a leash law.

4/29/13: Telephone call from Doug Malher, Hanover Conservation Commission to have a cooperative trail work day on Moose Mountain Ridge Trail, Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00AM at the Jones house on Route 4.

Discussion: Alan was surprised about this as it requires going through the Joneses property. Significance is that it must be okay for the public to use. Alan will call Doug to check on this.

DES Shoreland Impact Permit approval to Dana/Kristi Fenner Map#48, Lot#9

DES Shoreland Permit by Notification to Ronald Elliott on Crystal Lake, Map#45, Lot#14

Reviewed by Shirley with some comments about contents of document.

DES Shoreland Impact Permit approval to Michael S. Michalenoick, Map#18, Lot#52

New Business:

Hypertherm will be working on Colette Trail this spring.

Alan met with Phil and Jeanine: will get a crew together this summer as community service. We'll see what they can get done.

Before summer ends, Alan is thinking of organizing a hike on Shaker Mountain – advertise on listserv. Perhaps there could be a collaboration with the Enfield Shaker Museum and Dolores Struckhoff; no cost. Shirley suggested it coincide with Old Home Days weekend (July 26, 27, 28).

Dwight thought it would be a good idea to get Ben Kilham here to put on a presentation about black bears. He has spoken with him before, and he is very interesting. Shirley indicated that he usually charges a fee. Jeanine looked it up: \$250 plus mileage. Alan asked Dwight to call Ben to ask about giving a presentation.

Dwight made a motion to forego any meeting in July. Seconded. Passed.

Motion made by Dwight to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by:

Shelley Geoghegan