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02/02/12

Enfield Conservation Commission
February Minutes. 2012

Call the meeting to order: Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Jeanine and Phil King, Anne Steele, and Alan Strickland.

Approval of December minutes: Sue Hagerman made a motion to accept December minutes, seconded by Jeanine King. Motion passes.

Review of December and January events and Town Conservation Report:

12/9/11: Strickland went through list of lakefront property real estate exchanges for the purpose of sending welcome letter and shoreland protection Act regulations and guidelines to new owners.

12/15/11: Phil King, Anne Steele, and Alan Strickland met with Fish & Game representatives Jim Oehler and Denise Gagne. From the Museum, Wendell Smith, Ron Bailey, Don Lacey, Mardy High, Nan Munsey were present.

First part of the meeting Wendell showed through power point some of the Museum's goals, including a trail to Smith Pond. A special events permit is needed to use the Fish & Game land. Nan Munsey will need to get a permit ASAP for the fund raising snowshoe event in February. In the field, Strickland and King from the Commission walked the location of the proposed Canal Trail with Fish & Game officials. Questions arose as to whether trees across the canal should be moved as they are helpful for fish population. Denise did spot some fish in the canal. Also discussed was the clear cutting of the pine plantation to promote browse for wildlife. It will be done next winter according to the Fish & Game timetable. This may change the design of the Canal Trail. Logs would be skidded out over the same route as the last clear cut, avoiding the canal. Any trail in the field would have to be approved the person who has the agriculture permit. A 5 foot strip along the timbered edge is envisioned.

Ski trails established 13 years ago by the Enfield Conservation Commission in accordance with Tracy Sweeney of the Fish & Game would need to be shown on a map, and then sent to Fish & Game office in Concord. Currently, these trails are not shown on any map, but these trails use portions of the already established trails. These trails would need to be reviewed by Fish & Game.

The first five bridges along the entrance to Fish & Game property were examined. Fish & Game will take responsibility to repair the first and last bridge that currently need the most attention.

Report submitted by Alan Strickland

12/20/11: Strickland met with Julie Huntley to review list of lakefront property exchanges. Strickland obtained addresses from Julie, put packets together, and mailed them. A total of four were sent to the following:

Map#43, Lot#007 (Algonquin Rd.)
Philip and Linda Macvicar
552 Lockhaven Rd.
Enfield, NH 03748

Map#46. Lot#001 (Crystal Lake Rd.)

Raymond and Ngoe T. D. Yee
138 Indian Meadow Dr.
Northboro, MA 01532

Map#47, Lot#009 (Crystal Lake Rd.)
Michael and Elaine Oleniak
39 Cathy St.
Merrimack, NH 03054

Map#30, Lot#009, 011
Roger and Mary Chamberlin
PO Box 1732
Grantham, NH 03753

12/21/11: Strickland met with Mardi High to sign Fish & Game Trail Maintenance Agreement, which allows Museum or Conservation members to clear blow down on existing trails.

12/21/11: Strickland met with John Taylor to review the proposed Shaker Canal Trail. The on site proposed trail location and bridge crossing were reviewed by Strickland and Taylor. In summary, Taylor thought the layout was good, as well as the choice of bridge crossing. Taylor particularly liked that the terminus of the trail had a view.

12/28/11: Strickland received a packet from Ehrhard Frost, the forester with whom the Commission has been talking. The packet contained sample reports, and a estimated cost for the management plan. This packet will be discussed at the next meeting.

1/6/12: Chairman Strickland sent Alisa the 2011 Conservation Report.

1/10/12: Strickland asked Emma Carcagno, Wildlife Biologist for the state, to be an expert for the guided kayak trip June 30th. Ms. Carcagno agreed to come.

1/31/12; Strickland attended UVLT's gathering of conservation commissions

1/31/12: Anne Steele attended the Tom Wessels talk in Hanover.

Town Conservation Report: 2011

Picture of Jeff Wells (1953-2011)

The Conservation Commission was deeply saddened by the unexpected death of member Jeff Wells. Jeff grew up in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State where he worked as a forester for over 20 years for the International Paper Company. Jeff's forestry experience and extensive knowledge of wildlife made him a valuable member of the Commission. Though he missed his beloved Adirondack Mountains, he quickly felt at home in Enfield, and especially enjoyed hiking the Bicknell and Colette Trails. Jeff's unexpected death occurred in the midst of making maple syrup with his forestry students at Newport High School. At the following Conservation meeting, members honored Jeff with a toast, glasses filled from the maple syrup he had made. We miss you, Jeff.

The Commission would like to acknowledge Susan Wells, Jeff's wife who offered to take minutes for Commission meetings; member Joan Fishman for her many years of service; and the Hypertherm Company, whose employees, for two years running, did volunteer work on the Towns' trails. **(photo of**

Hypertherm employees on new bridge)

The Commission welcomed two new members just before the year's end, Phil King, and Anne Steele and welcomes back Dwight Marchetti for another term.

2011 Conservation highlights included a guided hike on the Town's Bicknell Trail for the 250th Town anniversary, the replacement of two bridges on the Suky Marsh Trail, the beginning process for a trail linking Shaker Village to the Mascoma Lake beach parking lot, a new alliance with the Shaker Museum Trail Committee, the creation of a welcome letter for new lakefront owners, and consultations with Grafton County forester, David Falkenham, regarding a management plan and inventory of the Town's Bicknell Brook lot.

The Commission also worked with the Loon Preservation Committee, the Crystal Lake Association, and landowner Michel Drape, to protect a nesting loon near the end of the Colette Trail. The lower trail was closed for a three-week period while a loon chick hatched. The baby chick then thrived in the waters of Crystal Lake. **(Photo of mother loon with chick)**

Upcoming event: There will be a guided canoe / kayak trip along the Mascoma River from the Route 4 bridge in Canaan to the Baltic Mill and back, Saturday 10AM, June 30th 2012. Meet at the Fish & Game parking lot at the Route 4 bridge in Canaan, one mile west of Mascoma Valley Regional High School. Two regional experts will accompany the group, giving wildlife and wetland observations. Call Alan Strickland. 632-4084, for questions or details.

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Tom Wessels talk, Hanover 1/31/12: Summary of the talk given by Anne Steele who attended this meeting. The Commission would like to explore the possibility of having Tom give another talk in Enfield later this year. Anne will contact Tom to pursue this happening.

Upper Valley Land Trust Council of Conservation Commissions, White River Junction, 1/31/12: Strickland attend this event and represented Enfield. Around 20 Conservation Commissions from the Upper Valley met in WRJ, VT at the Bugbee Center to have a round table discussion on education programs that they have done, what worked or didn't work. Strickland summarized the meeting for the Commission.

Old Business: Shirley Green is still committed to developing some kind of town watershed ordinance. The Commission supports her efforts.

Correspondence: Ehrhard Frost packet: The Commission received a packet of information from Mr. Frost which included his resume, examples of inventory that he has done for Thetford and Lebanon, and a breakdown of cost and timetable to develop a Forest Management Plan for the Town's Bicknell Lot, Map#9, Lot#45. The Commission would like for Mr. Frost to come a conservation meeting for a formal presentation and a question and answer session. Phil King will scan and send via e-mail information to members received from Mr. Ehrhard. Strickland will make the arrangements to have him come to a meeting.

Letter from EVA: EVA has offered to reimburse the Commission \$2000 that the Commission gave to EVA years ago for the purpose of creating and protecting the island land associated with 78 Main Street.

However, as things have changed, this property is no longer in public ownership. Sue Hagerman made a motion to accept this money. Jeanine King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Correspondences: DES to Gaye LeCasce and Daniel Signor, Map#47, Lot#1-2/////DES to Cronenwett Trust, Map#31, Lot#56-A/////

ntent to Cut: Birolini, Map#9, Lot#59, Mason, Map#3, Lot#1-1, Maynard, Map#9, Lot#68-10/////Fitzgerald. Map#13, Lot#015/////Fahey,Map#25, Lot#38

Citizens Forum:

New Business: Conservation blog.: Jeanine King, Anne Steele, and Sue Hagerman will work on creating a blog for the Commission to record wildlife sightings and forest scenes. Phil King will work on a GPS mapping demonstration for Conservation members.

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UVLT may be interested in joining the Conservation's kayak trip. They would help with logistics such as publicity, food and cost. Planning is still in the works.

Adjourn meeting: Shirley Green made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanine King. Motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 8:27PM