

April 5, 2012

Enfield Conservation Commission
April minutes

7:00PM meeting called to order:

In Attendance: Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Jeanine King, Phil King, Anne Steel, and Alan Strickland.

Approval of March minutes: Shirley Green made a motion to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Gary Gaudette. Motion passed.

Review of March events:

3/6/12: Strickland called Alisa to discuss Conservation Corner. Alisa said to wait until after Town meeting, when Town will be redoing its web site. Also talked with Julie Huntley to inquire about surveys on the Town property, Map#9, Lot#45. Julie said to wait until Carolee Higbee's survey of her property comes into the town office.

3/13/12: Strickland called David Falkenham, Grafton County forester, to look at Town property which borders Mud Pond. Site visit is scheduled for Monday, April 9th. Will meet at Church next to Mascoma Valley Regional High School. Time to be determined after Conservation meeting.

3/13/12: Strickland talked with John Powers, owner of the Mascoma River property on which is located the Conservation's picnic spot. Strickland informed him of the Commission's desire to use the site on Saturday, June 30th. Mr. Powers had no problems with the Commission's use of the site and staging a picnic on that day. Strickland said the Commission would rent a Port-a-potty to have on site. Mr. Powers okayed the use of his road for that use. Strickland invited Mr. Powers and his family to join the event, and he said he would consider it.

3/14/12: Strickland called Dave's septic service (1800-672-3402) to get a quote for a one day port-a-potty rental. The price was **\$119**.

3/16/12: Strickland spent 2hrs in town office with help from Julie Huntley to copy survey maps for Erhard Frost, who will try to establish the town's Bicknell property, Map#9, Lot#45, boundary lines.

3/17/12: Strickland spent 2hrs flagging and locating corners near the trail along Bicknell Brook in preparation for Erhard Frost looking at the town property, Map#9, Lot#46.

3/18/12: Strickland spent an hour with Everett Poitras looking at corners on the Route 4-A side of the Town's Bicknell property. Mr. Poitras showed Strickland all the corners of which he was aware. Strickland expressed concern about the line between the town and Poitras. Strickland wanted to have forester Erhard Frost look at deeds and existing corners to determine if there was enough doubt to warrant a professional surveyor to get involved. Mr. Poitras is planning to have the land surveyed, but it may be after logging his property. Strickland would like Mr. Frost to say that either Everett's interpretation of the boundary is correct or say that there is enough ambiguity that a licensed surveyor should be hired. Strickland told Mr. Poitras that he would contact Mr. Frost as soon as possible, and Strickland invited Mr. Poitras to join them if there was a site visit. Everett said that he would like to do that. Strickland felt a sense of urgency because trees were marked for cut in this gray area of ownership, and Strickland wanted to solve any problems before the logging job begins. To be continued??

3/19/12: Strickland called Erhard Frost to update. Mr. Frost then called the logger in question on the

Poitras property, and Chris Rollins the surveyor who surveyed Poitras / Hibe property. After several conversations, the end result is that the logger told Mr. Frost they would not log until the line is surveyed. Chris Rollins also said there may be some question as to where the boundary line between Poitras / Enfield begins. Strickland informed Town manager Steve Schneider the situation. Mr. Schneider told Strickland to go ahead and have Rollins survey the property and then bill the town. Both Mr. Frost and Mr. Rollins are not available to look into this until at least April first. At that time, Strickland will meet with them on how to proceed.

3/20/12: Welcome packet for new lakefront property sent to:
Map#18. Lot#27
Michael, Michalendick
109 Eastman Hill Rd.
Lebanon, NH 03766

3/26/12: Strickland had a telephone conversation with Chris Rollins, the surveyor. They talked about the upcoming project of surveying the boundary between Poitras and the Town. Strickland relayed the message that Steve Schneider wanted the Town to have it done.

3/29/12: Strickland talked with Alisa regarding the Conservation corner that would appear on the Town's web site. Decided to wait until Town overhauls its web site this summer.

3/30/12: Strickland, Phil and Jeanine King looked at Colette Trail projects for Hypertherm to do this spring.

(Meeting continued)

Old Business: Route 4-A sewer line trail. Need to meet with Jim Taylor and Bridge Project manager to see if a test strip with road fabric and wood chips one to two hundred yards can be implemented.

Jeanine King to put June's kayak/canoe trip on List serve. Commission feels this event should be limited to the people of Enfield. There was concern over too many people on the water with communications being hampered by only three guides. Ideally, a maximum of 20 people would attend.

Harrison Trumbell, from the Enfield Village Association, stopped by the meeting to drop off a \$2000 check for the Commission. This was a reimbursement for money the Commission had given years earlier to support the EVA project on the Mascoma River, downtown Enfield. The project had not turned out the way they had envisioned, and offered to reimburse the Commission the money. The Commission accepted their offer, and the check was given to Jeanine King to give to Wendy to deposit into the Conservation account.

Correspondence

DES to Carolee Higbee, completed Forestry Notification/////DES to Poitras, completed Forestry Notification/////DES to Margaret Peretti, completed Forestry Notification.

State of NH to Chairman Strickland: Map of trails on Shaker Mountain that the Commission and Shaker Museum can maintain. More details to come.

Sugaring on Shaker Mountain: Anne Steel informed the Commission that John Kelly who has been sugaring on the mountain for many years, has been told by the State of NH that he must remove the sap lines each year. Mr. Kelly no longer wants to sugar if he has to remove the lines each year. Steel expressed concern about losing this use on State land. The Commission suggested that the Shaker Museum look into taking this on as part of their history and tourism enterprise. Anne will contact the museum to inform them.

Intent to Cut: Higbee, Map#9, Lot#11///// Poitras, Map#9, Lot#40/////Margaret Peretti, Map#9, Lot#73

Citizens Forum:

New Business: Phil King is in process of organizing a trail workday sometime at the end of April for Hypertherm employees on the Colette Trail. Details to come.

Upcoming events: Monday, April 9th, 2:30PM, meeting with Grafton County forester David Falkinham to visit Town and Conservation land on Mud Pond Rd. He will give a commentary, as well as options for land use. Meet at little church across from MVRHS on Route 4.

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.

7:50PM: Jeanine King made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anne Steel. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Alan Strickland