

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting
November 1, 2012

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

Present: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Jeanine King, Dwight Marchetti, Anne Steele, Alan Strickland, and Jim Taylor from DPW.

Minutes: A motion by Marchetti, seconded by Green, to correct a date from the September minutes. The shoreline complaint letter was sent to DES in November 2011, not in November 2012 for the Signor property. Green made a correction to the October minutes under the financial report. Green knows that the Conservation Commission treasurer is Gary Gaudette, but did not know the amount of money in the treasury reserve fund. A motion was made by Jeanine King to accept the October minutes, seconded by Green. Motion passed.

Report on Coverts Conference: Chairman Strickland gave a brief report on the conference, which included a large number of conservation members from all over the state. The conference sponsored by UNH Extension Service, and focused on wildlife, wildlife habitat, water quality, and silviculture.

Review of October events:

October Events

Wildlife Sightings: 9/28/ and 9/30/12 Great Blue Herron sighted on George Pond (Strickland)/////10/28/12 two bald eagles on Mascoma Lake, (Andy Steele)

10/3, 10/4, 10/5, 10/6: Chairman Strickland attended a workshop / conference sponsored by UNH Extension Service in Greenfield, NH. Strickland will report on the conference at the November meeting.

10/9/12: Call from Dana Arey to see if there was any possible way for the Commission to look at Rob and Laurie Malz's renewal application for a Permit by Notification for a retaining wall. His old permit expired, and work was not done due in large part to inaccessibility of equipment to the site due to the underpass and Shaker Bridge. Now, with the completion of the bridge, they wish to do the work this fall during draw down.

10/13/12: Official site visit by the Commission to Rob and Laurie Malz's Mascoma Lake property, 15 Bridge St.

10/13/12: Strickland and Shaker Museum trail volunteer, Ron Bailey, worked on Fish & Game designated trail on Shaker Mountain. These trails are under joint management between Fish & Game, Shaker Museum, and the Conservation Commission.

10/15/12: Strickland met with Jim Taylor at DPW to ask him to address three topics for the November Conservation meeting. First, describe the existing road maintenance plan, second, salt reduction and winter roads, and third, the reservoir on Maple Street, specifically the dam and past history. Jim said he would be there.

10/18/12: Obnoxious hunter encounter, Shaker Mountain. What is proper hiker and hunter etiquette? How to resolve conflicts?

10/30/12: Strickland noticed that Colette Sign is gone from Grafton Pond Rd.

Guest speaker: Enfield Dept. of Public Works Jim Taylor addressed the Commission. He described the existing road maintenance plan, including salt reduction and winter roads. Enfield has 64 miles of road, half of which are paved. Winter application of salt has been improved by adding environmental friendly liquids such as molasses which helps salt adhere to road surfaces and spread evenly, thus using less salt. To have a low salt area on a town roadway requires approval of the selectmen. Green gave Taylor a

list that the Conservation Commission had prepared four years ago regarding reducing silt into Crystal Lake. Vegetation in the ditch on the big dig' has reduced the sediment greatly. Half as much silt has been taken out of the settling pond this year. Taylor also suggested that Erin Darrow, a professional engineer, come and speak to the Commission about storm water runoff. Taylor also spoke about the reservoir on Maple Street, specifically the dam and its past history. The dam cost the Town about \$3500/year. It is inspected once a year by the State, and the State then dictates to the Town what has to be done in terms of maintenance. He feels that either the dam should be promoted or gotten ride of.

Taylor also had several suggestions for the Commission. First suggestion, the telephone poles for the cable company, one near the Mascoma beach, the other on the other side of the bridge, which are ugly in appearance, could be encouraged to house a nest for birds such as eagles, osprey, or raptors. Second suggestion, is to expand the field on Grafton Pond Rd. to enhance wildlife diversity by establishing habitat in 3 different stages of succession. For example, part of the field would be mowed every year, other parts 2-3 times a year, and another part 3-5 times a year. This would create the maximum amount of wildlife habitat, drawing in a large number of birds and mammals that are currently in decline in NH. Third, he would like to see the Commission to take the responsibility for Enfield's portion of the Northern Rail Trail. Marchetti made note that the Commission had approved to pay for mowing several years ago, but no one came forward to take the money.

Old Business: Green is still corresponding with UNH storm water center. Will address the Commission at the next meeting.

Correspondence: DES to Kristine/Joseph Kennedy, Map#48, Lot#4 &17, for subsurface systems bureau individual septic disposal system application. Application is returned for insufficient information/////DES to Matthew McIntyre, Map#28, Lot#31, for Shoreland Impact Permit, to construct a single family residence with garage plus driveway/////DES to Michael Michalenoick, Map#18, Lot#52, for Shoreland Impact Permit, to construct an addition to an existing structure plus install storm water drainage.////State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding invasive species/////Upper Valley Trails Alliance membership dues.

Citizens Forum: None

Intent to Cut: None

Follow up letter to DES regarding the Signor complaint: The commission worked on the final draft of a letter to be sent out on Saturday, November 3rd. The letter is requesting any information that DES has regarding the outcome of this case. To date, the conclusion is unknown, and the file remains open. Hagerman composed the final draft. All members present signed.
Hunting & Hiking: Marchetti gave a few tips to avoid conflicts.

New Business: November 3rd, Saturday, there is the annual conference of conservation commissions in Concord. At present, Strickland and Green are planning to attend. Marchetti would like to advertise on the Town's web site for someone to take minutes. Jeanine King offered to do this.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Marchetti, seconded by Green. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.