

Enfield Conservation Commission  
December 2012 meeting minutes

7:03PM: Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order:

Review of the November minutes: A motion was made by Gary Gaudette and seconded by Sue Hagerman to accept the November minutes with the following correction: Jim Taylor said that his neighbor had a system of rotating his mowing cycle on his fields, (which are between 10 to 15 acres). One part was mowed every year, one part every other year, and a final part mowed every three to four years. Jim thought the Town field could be mowed in such a fashion. It was Strickland who said that if the goal was maximum wildlife diversity; the field should be enlarged incorporating the above mowing cycle. Shirley Green also added that she wanted the minutes to reflect her contact with the Storm Water Runoff Center. Green reported that she has contacted the Program Director at the UNH Stormwater Runoff Center to obtain information about their program and how they may be able to guide, assist, and advise the Commission in the development of a watershed assessment study. This inclusion should be under the November minutes old business. Gary Gaudette made motion to amend the corrections to include Green's work, seconded by Jeanine King.

Review of the November events:

#### November Events

11/2/12: Strickland cleared Bicknell Loop Trail of blowdown from Hurricane Sandy.

11/3/12: Green and Strickland attend the annual conference of NH Conservation Commission in Concord. They will give summary at next meeting.

11/5/11: Strickland walked Suky Marsh Trail to check on blowdown.

11/6/12: Strickland cleared Suky Marsh Trail of blowdown.

11/10/12

#### Enfield Conservation Special Meeting Huse Park

10:07AM: Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order.

Present: Shirley Green, Jeanine King, Dwight Marchetti, and Alan Strickland

Right Angle Engineering and watershed application: Strickland presented members with the resume and references for Erin Darrow, the owner of the engineering firm. Discussion centered on the background of Darrow, and if her background is the right fit for the Commission. The Commission is considering hiring her to fill out a DES application to receive a grant to do a watershed study for Crystal Lake. The cost would be around \$750-\$1000 to fill out the application.

Marchetti is going to call Darrow's references, and call other municipalities regarding her work.

10:50AM: Marchetti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Green. Meeting adjourned.

11/13/12: Marchetti called DES for more information on the application process for a watershed study. He also called several references for Right Angle Engineering.

11/13/12: Green made many calls to UNH to better understand the application process.

She will report her findings at the December meeting.

11/13/12: Strickland called Right Angle Engineering to say that the commission would like to wait until next year to apply for a watershed study application.

11/15/12 ♦ 12/1/12: (dates are approximate) Marchetti tries to find a minute taker for the Commission.

12/1/12: Strickland attended a Forestry Tour in Antrim, NH on the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. The event was co-sponsored by UNH extension and NH Audubon Society. The tour focused on patch cuts to promote wildlife.

December meeting continued:

Annual Meeting of Conservation Commissions: Green and Strickland represented the Commission in Concord (11/3/12). Both Green and Strickland attend a film, Green Fire, which was a documentary on the life of Aldo Leopold. Green attended a workshop on Stormwater Management, another on the Piscataquog Watershed. Strickland attended a talk on New Hampshire Water Sustainability. Strickland said he realized the importance of the Commission's role to reconnect people to the land.

Old Business: Strickland gave an updated report on the survey between the Town's Bicknell lot, Map#9, Lot #45 and Poitras. At a meeting with Steve Schneider, Alan Strickland, surveyor Chris Rollins, and landowner Evert Poitras, a boundary line re-alignment was concluded. Chris Collins will resurvey the property line to reflect the interest of all parties. The process must go before the Attorney General's office.

Shirley Green gave the Commission a history of all that transpired with Right Angle Engineering, and why the Commission chose to wait until 2013 to apply for a Watershed Study for Crystal Lake. Green then proceed to inform the Commission on her contacts with UNH's Storm Water Center, and the next steps for how the Commission should proceed. A motion was made by Sue Hagerman for Green to contact UNH Stormwater Center to see if they would accept to assist the Commission for a water quality grant. It was seconded by Phil King, and unanimously accepted. Another motion was made by Sue Hagerman stated that if accepted, the Commission would authorize Green to proceed to the next step. The motion was seconded by Phil King. Green is hopefully that this assistance will be forthcoming because of the good relations with UNH Extension and Crystal Lake.

Review of the Commission's 2010 Watershed Ordinances Project: Green gave some history of this project. Strickland asked Green if she had felt supported by the Commission in this endeavor. Green said yes. In regard to the upcoming water quality study, Green will be the leader, and will direct the Commission in ways to support her.

Correspondence: DES to Norman Koop, Map#27, Lot#4, Shoreland Impaction Permit/////DES to Kimberly and Thomas Potter, Map#27, Lot#12, Shoreland Impact Permit/////DES to Hogg Hill Design, Map#27, Lot#12, , regarding Shoreland Program Permit Application /////

DES to Gaye LeCasce and Daniel Signor regarding Wetlands Bureau Complaint File # 2011-03070, 422 Lockhaven Road, File is closed, no violations were incurred.

◆The Department of Environmental Services (DES) is in the process of performing an administrative review of pending files. Based on the administrative review, DES has determined that no further action is required, and will close this file. This decision was based on the following:

1. In accordance with RSA 483-B:9, within the 50 foot water front buffer, one can trim tree limbs, as long as the health of the tree or sapling is maintained. DES determined there was no violation for the pruning of the trees and saplings.

2. Within the 50 foot waterfront buffer the pruning of shrubs which have grown over three feet in height is allowed. DES documented shrubs were cut below the 3 foot height, though re-generation had started. The shrubs should to be allowed to continue growing to the minimum 3 foot height.

3. DES determined a rocky shoreline was present prior to the re-stacking of rocks along the bank on the property. Be advised any future work to the bank and shoreline requires a permit and approval from DES prior to the start of the work.◆

Intent to Cut: Walter Paine, Map#5.Lot#7

Citizens◆ forum: None

New Business:

2013 Proposed public events:

Strickland proposed the following events for the upcoming year.

State of the Bird Address by Pam Hunt (last week of April or 1st of May. Fee involved (approximately \$200)

Tour of Blue Ox Farm by Steve Fulton, (end of May) No cost

Snowshoe hike on Shaker Mountain Blue Trail (February ) No cost

Any other event???

There is a speakers◆ fee for Pam Hunt. Gary Gaudette made a motion to allocate the estimated \$200 for this talk. Seconded by Sue Hagerman. Motion passed unanimously.

Minute-taker: There appears to be someone who will be at the next meeting to take notes thanks to Dwight Marchetti◆s efforts.

Bills:

Dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commission is due, \$265, as well as dues for the Upper Valley Trails Alliance, \$30. Sue Hagerman made a motion to pay these bills. Seconded by Shirley Green. Motion passed unanimously.

Draft for Commission◆s annual report: Strickland asked for comments on the draft. Green had some comments and wanted to add some things. She will make the additions and send the draft back to Strickland.

2013 Proposed public events: Check listserv for final confirmation or call Alan Strickland at 632-4084

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Rob and Laure Malz: Gary Gaudette wanted to bring to the Commissions attention the nice job the Malz did in replacing their retaining wall at 15 Bridge St. Dwight Marchetti also had earlier e-mailed members to admire the quality of work done here.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanine King, seconded by Shirley Green.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.