

DRAFT UNAPPROVED

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**Enfield Conservation Commission
DPW Facility, Enfield, NH**

Minutes of May 5, 2011

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Jeanine King and Gary Gaudette.

Others: Henry Cross, Dwight Marchetti and Anne W. Steele

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue Hagerman distributed draft minutes from the April 7th meeting and read by members.

A motion was made by Chairman Strickland to approve the April 7th minutes as amended, Shirley Green seconded. Gary Gaudette abstained. (Jeanine King was not present at the time of voting.)

NEW BUSINESS

Walkway between Shaker Bridge and Shaker Village

Chairman Strickland met with Jim Taylor, DPW Director and Bob Cavaliere. Together they walked the cut area on the slope side of 4A. All three are in favor of the walkway. Nothing will happen this year, as the state needs to finish their business. The town has offered wood chips and fabric for the job. Chairman Strickland believes that the ECC should be in favor of this project. It will be a long-term project and will evolve over time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Marchetti suggested the ECC make a statement on the Lockehaven Road Drainage project.

Chairman Strickland distributed a drafted statement for committee review regarding the Lockehaven Road drainage.

Henry Cross summarized the situation for the committee as the DES would only allow a small sediment pond at the base of Lockehaven Road by Hawley Dr. This year the pool failed and flooded Hawley Dr. and Mr. Cross' basement. The silt is a big problem. Mr. Cross distributed pictures of before and after the "big dig" and told of how one Selectman said to him, you are on a private road, as if this situation didn't concern the Town. Mr. Cross said he then contacted Rep. Paul Mirski and Mr. Mirski made a call on behalf of Mr. Cross to DES. A DES agent met with him, but in Mr. Cross' opinion only gave him lip service.

Ms. Hagerman read Chairman Strickland's draft letter recommending re-evaluation of the Lockehaven road project and the current sediment pond.

Mr. Cross would like to see any overflow from the sediment pond allowed to flow from the current sediment pond, under Hawley Dr and into Crystal Lake during extreme water events.

Dwight Marchetti quoted from RSA 36-A: 2, which reads as follows:

36-A:2 Conservation Commission. – A city or town which accepts the provisions of this chapter may establish a conservation commission, hereinafter called the commission, for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town. Such commission shall conduct researches into its local land and water areas and shall seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its work. It shall keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas within the city or town, as the case may be, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such areas, including lands owned by the state or lands owned by a town or city. It shall keep an index of all marshlands, swamps and all other wet lands in a like manner, and may recommend to the city council or selectmen or to the department of resources and economic development a program for the protection, development or better utilization of all such areas. It shall keep accurate records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report which shall be printed in the annual town or municipal report. The commission may appoint such clerks and other employees or subcommittees as it may from time to time require.

Dwight Marchetti believes the ECC should make lake protection a priority such as this silt issue on Lockehaven Road/Hawley Dr. There are also issues on Algonquin Road. Mr. Marchetti would like to see the ECC set up teams to decide what to do and to go to the planning board to come up with a plan to correct these issues.

Mr. Marchetti also suggested inviting DES to a meeting to get them onboard to being proactive and not reactive to things happening in this town. Mr. Marchetti informed the board members that Daniel Sigmore, of 422 Lockehaven Road, has cleaned everything off the shoreline and he doesn't believe that Mr. Sigmore had a permit for the work he has done. Stones have been removed while the water was low and a stonewall has been built. Someone needs to call DES and Mr. Marchetti would like to know what the response is from him or her. Mr. Marchetti said he would be available to speak with DES if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Bicknell Brook/Collette Trail area

Chairman Strickland distributed a letter from the UNH Cooperative Extension. On April 22nd Chairman Strickland met with David Falkenham and walked along the Bicknell Brook trail. Mr. Falkenham would be willing to come to a meeting about improvements to be made to the trail including some logging that could be done next fall/winter generating some income for the town. The point is to open up some land for wildlife and such. Chairman Strickland recommends that the ECC pursue this, along with the Board of Selectmen's approval, and hire a forester to begin as early as the winter of 2011-12. Chairman Strickland requested that the board members read the letter and that it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Enfield 250 Celebration

Chairman Strickland would like to fine tune what board will be doing for the celebration on 7/2/11 at 2pm at the Bicknell Trail parking lot. Currently the plan is that there will be a guided hike with refreshments at the end set up under a tent in the trailhead meadow.

Baker Property on Smith Pond

Chairman Strickland distributed notes of a phone conversation with he had with James Thaxton from Upper Valley Land Trust. The note reads as follows:

UVLT is in process of filing for a grant from a DES organization called the **Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund**. This is a pre-proposal application. If granted, UVLT would purchase an easement on the Baker property, which would limit new development on the property, and have a 100-foot protection line from the

shore of Smith Pond. The more community support for the project the more likely **ARM** would accept the proposal.

Chairman Strickland will talk with Steve Schneider, Town Manager, regarding what the Town's relation is with Dennis Baker and the property including the Dam. No action needed until August on this.

Suki Marsh Trail Bridge work

Hypertherm has volunteered their services to put up a rail on the Suki Marsh Bridge. Gary Gaudette to work on scheduling.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Gaudette moved to adjourn at 8:44 PM, Ms. Hagerman seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Huntley