

August 4, 2011
Enfield Conservation minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes from the July meeting have not been finalized.

Attendance: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Jeanine King, Steve Schnieder, Alan Strickland, and David Falkenham.

Meeting was turned over to guest speaker David Falkenham, Grafton County forester, who spoke about management ideas on the Town lot on Bicknell Brook. Falkenham and chairman Strickland had walked the property in April. Falkenham sent a letter to the Commission on his observations, and tonight he again summarized his report and entertained questions from the Commission. His talk contained the pros and cons of different management options for the property.

At the conclusion of Falkenham's report, Sue Hagerman made the following motion: "that the Commission present the idea of a forestry plan to the selectmen at the September meeting for the Bicknell lot. Motion was seconded by Jeanine King. Motion was unanimously passed.

The Commission received a thank you note from the Loon Preservation Committee for closing the lower portion of the Colette Trail during the nesting period. A baby loon successfully hatched. Without the trail closure, the Committee believed that the outcome would have been different.

Alan Strickland checked the Hardy Wetland Riverside Landing on the Mascoma River. The site is clean and in good shape with the exception of the steep bank which must be mounted and descended

to reach the picnic site. Strickland will meet with UVLT (8/5/11) to see if a chain ladder can be used on this bank, which is done on several sections along the Connecticut River.

The Hypertherm Company is making arrangement to repair bridges on the Suky Marsh Trail.

Strickland, at the request of the UVLT, attended a site visit with the UVLT to Smith Pond to talk with Greg Baker about putting his property into a conservation easement, and also public access. Negotiations are continuing.

Alan Strickland, Bob Cavalieri, and Jim Taylor met to further discuss steps to be taken to construct a proposed trail along the sewer line on Route 4-A from the beach parking lot to Shaker Village. Projected costs are being obtained, and a reaching out to other Town organizations such as EVA are in process to obtain a wide community base.

A request was made by Ken Warren from the Northern Rail Trail for \$350 to do brush work on the trail this fall. This request had been approved by the Commission last year and will be carried out now.

Regarding the Signor property on Crystal Lake, if documentation can be shown that the owners are in violation of the Shoreland Protection Act, a complaint will be filled by the Commission. If no documentation is available, then the Commission will file a report with the DES stating that a violation may have occurred.

DES Shoreland Impact Permit from Daniel Regan, Map#44, Lot#30 (Crystal Lake)////DES Shoreland Impact Permit for Greg Baker, Map#7, Lot#9, (septic)

Intent to Cut: Oppenneer, Map#16, Lot#63-B

The Commission received notice of 2 ownership changes on Mascoma Lake. Information packets need to be sent to these new property owners to inform them of the Shoreland Protection Act. A coordination between the Mascoma Lake Association and the Commission needs to take place so that efforts are not duplicated. Strickland will contact Gary Gaudette to coordinate.

Sue Hagerman discussed the need of dogs on leashes on trails. She and others have been accosted by dogs without leashes hiking on various trails. Sue will talk with Wendy at the Town office to see what can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted by Alan Strickland