

October 6, 2011

## Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes

7:07 PM Meeting called to order

Attendance: Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Jeanine King, Alan Strickland. Charles Clark was present as a citizen.

Review of September minutes

Motion to accept September minutes by Sue Hagerman, seconded by Gary Gaudette.  
Motion passed.

July minutes will be sent via e-mail by Sue Hagerman.

Attention: January meeting has been canceled due to meeting space conflicts.

Slide show of Suky's Marsh Bridges: Alan Strickland developed a slide show on the replacement of the Suky's Marsh bridges by employees from Hypertherm. A thank you card was signed by all members and sent to Hypertherm.

September events:

9/6/11 4:00PM : Shirley Green and Alan Strickland met with Jim Taylor at Boys Camp Rd. Bridge to look at silt entering Bicknell Brook and Crystal Lake. Jim was going to have the town try and divert water into woods at various locations. Also discussed the future of the bridge and replacing it. Not replacing it would solve a lot of problems and save tax payers an estimated \$1,000,000.

9/6/11 6:00PM : Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Strickland presented the idea of developing a forest management plan for the town property lot 45, map 9. Selectmen approved. Plan would be paid for from the conservation fund.

9/13/11 8:00AM –12:00PM: Chairman Strickland met with Hypertherm volunteers, Phil King, Keith Fasano, Mary Allen, and Pam Bruss, to replace both bridges on the Suky's Marsh Trail. On a personal note Pam Bruss was Suky's niece, and proud to be a part of the workday. THANK YOU NOTE TO BE SIGNED AND MAILED. Also what about beaver baffle and old telephone poles?

9/14/11 8:45AM-11:00PM: Chairman Strickland met with Bob Cavalieri to cut a path through the grass on a 800 ft. section Route 4-A proposed trail.

9/16/11: Chairman Strickland called Rob Godfrey to bush hog the Grafton Pond meadow. Godfrey says he will do the following week.

9/17/11: Chairman Strickland beginning to gather information on Suky Grover to make up na information sign for Suky's Marsh.

9/19/11: Chairman Strickland attended Selectman meeting to update Route 4-A Scenic Trail Walk. Selectmen approved the use of town truck and road fabric to move forward on the trail.

9/26/11 4:00PM: Chairman Strickland met with Mathew McGonis, a Boy Scout to discuss youth involvement in an important issue in the Enfield Community. This is for the purpose of obtaining a merit badge.

9/30/11: Chairman Strickland stopped by Red Roof Frame Shop. Owner agreed to make up sign with frame for Suky's Marsh. Sign would give a brief description of Suky, and uses for trail.

9/30/11: Chairman Strickland inspected meadow that Rob Godfrey had just mowed.

10/2/11: Chairman Strickland talked with forester Erhart Frost in regards to town land, map#9, lot#45 along Bicknell Brook. Suggest waiting to do an inventory next spring. From inventory will develop a management plan. In the meantime, Chairman Strickland will send him maps, letter from David Faukinham, and any other information on the lot that is available.

Old business:

Suky Marsh signage: Alan Strickland presented to the Commission a draft of a brief description of Suky Grover and trail regulations. A few edits were made and now the final copy will be sent to the Red Roof Frame Shop where the owner has generously agreed (\$25.00) to get the sign formatted and ready to be displayed at the beginning of the trail. More edits were done by Strickland resulting in the following:  
Susan Nichols "Suky" Grover  
(1952-1998)

This trail is named for Suky Grover. Suky, a carpenter by trade, lived just above this marsh in the house she built with her partner. With her dog Kashi by her side, Suky visited the marsh almost every day. It was here that she found the courage to face breast cancer to which she succumbed at the age of 45. Whether Suky saw moose, Great Blue Herons or deer or listened to spring peepers or Red-Winged Blackbirds or admired the colors of the mushrooms or the sunset -- Suky always left the marsh renewed. We hope that you will leave this special place in the same way.

Enfield Conservation Commission, Trail established 2003, Foot travel only, No hunting

Letter to Ehrhard Frost: A draft letter to Mr. Frost was presented to the Commission by Alan Strickland. Edits were made. Strickland will send a packet of information to Mr. Frost which will include publicity information on the Colette Trail, legal description of the property, maps, and an old management plan.

10/03/11

Ehrhard Frost

Full Circle Forestry

6078 Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075

Dear Ehrhard,

Enclosed is a collection of information on the Town of Enfield's land. The legal description is Map#9, Lot#45. It use to be lots 45 & 46, but the town combined them a number of years ago in to a single Lot, (45). The town has also taken out of this property 7 acres, which begins on Route 4-A, and then follows Grafton Pond Road with a depth of 300 feet below the roads.

Your work is highly recommended and we look forward to working with you. Our first step is to develop a management plan that is in harmony with the recreational value of the land as well as the protection of water quality of Bicknell Brook. You mentioned in our phone conversation that you believed late spring, 2012, would be the best time to begin an inventory of this property. Please submit to the Commission an estimated cost for developing this inventory and plan for Lot#45.

My contact information is:

Alan Strickland

PO Box 154

Enfield Center, NH 03749

(603) 632-4084  
E-mail: marcia.herrin@dartmouth.edu

Thank you,

Alan Strickland, Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission

Boys Camp Rd. Bridge: Brief discussion on the Boys Camp Rd. siltation problem. Commission needs to keep monitoring the situation, working with town try to slow down silt entering the brook.

Introduction letter for new waterfront property owners: Sue read a draft of her letter. Several changes were made. Sue will e-mail an edited version to members who then will make other comments. Final copy will be run by town manger.

Packet for new waterfront owners: After further reflection, Shirley Green thinks that a packet sent to Crystal Lake new owners would help reinforce the information given by the Crystal Lake Association. Therefore, packets from the Commission will now be sent to any new owners on Crystal Lake.

Signore Property: Sue Hagerman will draft a letter stating a possible Shoreland Protection violation. Sue will e-mail a draft to all for comments, and Chairman Strickland will send in to DES.

Northern Rail Trail: Sue Hagerman will check to see if Ken Warren still needs the \$350 for mowing.

Route 4-A Trail: Strickland thinks the work on the trail should wait until the state is finished. It is too congested now and the final appearance may change the access to drop off wood chips.

Correspondence: DES Shoreland Impact Permit for Richard Kimball, Map#43, Lot#3/////Lavigne & Graf Emergency Authorization Verification Permit for Smith Pond Brook on RT. 4-A./////DES Complaint File for Larry Fairbanks, Map#43, Lot#13/////DES follow up for Wendell Smith sand permit (missing information)/////E-mail from Dwight Marchetti.

#### Citizens Forum

Charles Clark was present to express his concern on the Class VI Fuller Rd. He would like to see signs posted on both sides of the road stating that Fuller Rd. is a Class VI Road and that one travels it at one's own risk. Mr. Clark stated that GPS system Map Quest shows Fuller Rd. as being an acceptable road for travel. He is concerned that some may get stuck trying to use it.

Also, he is concerned about the damaged done to the drainage ditches at the base of Fuller Rd. done by the turning around of construction vehicles working on the bridge replacement. Water now ponds at the base to the road.

Chairman Strickland will talk with Jim Taylor.

Intent to Cut: Messier Map#9, Lot#68-13/////Langley Map#8, Lot#038 & 002/////Petryk Map#7, Lot#21

Budget Report: Rob Godfrey, bush hogging Bicknell Meadow, and Jeanine Kin, materials for the Suky Marsh bridge, will be reimbursed for their cost.

#### New Business:

Shaker Mountain Bridge: Alan Strickland noted that one of the bridges on the Shaker Mountain was compromised by tropical storm Irene. Water no longer flows under the bridge but over it. It has been

plugged by sediment. It appears too much work by hand to correct this. Strickland feels that a backhoe is necessary. Strickland feels that over time the bridge will wash out. This is a very high recreational use area and the Commission has been active in maintenance in the past, replacing two other wooden bridges. Strickland posed the question of whether the Commission wants to be involved in this. Strickland will talk with the Shaker Museum people to see if a joint effort can be made.

Liability: Strickland will meet with town manager to address liability issues on Suky Marsh Trail. Strickland will also check with Upper Valley Trail Alliance.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn was made by Jeanine King, seconded by Shirley Green. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.