

# **DRAFT UNAPPROVED**

**Note:** Please find the following **DRAFT** minutes of the Conservation Commission. These **DRAFT** minutes are subject to being amended, extended and approved by the Conservation Commission during it's next meeting.

## **Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes December 1, 2011**

### **12/01/11: Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at DPW**

**Present:** Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Phil King, Jeanine King, Anne Steele, Alan Strickland. Absent Dwight Marchetti. Town Manger Steve Schneider was present.

**Introduction of new members:** Phil King, Dwight Marchetti, and Anne Steele

**July minutes:** Alan Strickland made a motion to accept July minutes: seconded by Sue Hagerman. Green, Gaudette, P. King, Steele abstained.

**Review of October minutes:** Motion made by Gary Gaudette to accept minutes; seconded by Sue Hagerman. P.King and Steele abstained.

### **Review of October events:**

10/8/11 Chairman Strickland dropped off copy of Suky Marsh information at Red Roof Frame Shop.

10/09/11: Chairman Strickland checked Hardy Wetland Riverside Landing. Clean, except for a bottle on the picnic table, which was removed.

10/10/11 Chairman Strickland called Tom Dakai of NH Fish & Game concerning bridge repair on Shaker Mountain. Tom will call state to see what channels have to be gone through.

10/10/11: Chairman Strickland checked out Mud Pond road. Repair work done 2 years ago still holding. Trail is mostly dry. Gate at the Canaan end was open and missing a chain. Will inform Jim Taylor. Very little, if any vehicle traffic. Still no signs by the dam to indicate parking.

10/11/11 Telephone call to Jim Taylor to inform him of missing chain on gate for Mud Pond Road, and discussed removing beaver baffles from Suky Marsh.

10/11/11 Telephone call to Upper Valley Trail Alliance regarding liability on trails. He will send information. Dwight's specific case is regarding a structure, a hunting stand that collapsed when a hunter tried to use it. The hunter was injured. The hunter was also hunting coyotes instead of deer. Commission will monitor the out come of this case as it pertains to landowners and hiking trails. According to John Taylor, at the present time, the law states that one is legally allowed to walk on any land that is not posted.

10/13/11: Strickland picked up sign for Suky Marsh; Also dismantled old cross country ski bridges on Shaker Mountain that were in bad condition. Strickland will talk with Museum people to see if they want decking replaced on the canal bridge. Could be part of a short canal walk, field loop.

10/14/11: Strickland called Jim Taylor to inform him of Charles Clark's concerns regarding Fuller Rd. Jim said he had a meeting with the construction supervisors this morning and would address these concerns.

10/14/11: Strickland talked with Wendell Smith from the Shaker Museum regarding trail bridges on Fish & Game land. Wendell will try and gain permission from state to work on bridges.

**10/15/11: Chairman Strickland called Carol and John Fahey to check in with them regarding the Suky Marsh Trail. The trail crosses about 400 feet onto their land. They have given verbal permission in the past for the trail to be on their land. Chairman Strickland wanted to check in with them, informing them of the new bridges and new sign. Strickland also asked them if they had any concerns or problems with the trail during the past year. They replied no. Strickland offered to reroute the trail onto town land, but they said it wasn't necessary, and they were happy with the status quo.**

10/17/11: Strickland put up sign on Suky Marsh

10/20/11: Strickland called Wendell Smith to set up meeting with the museum's trails committee.

10/25/11: Conservation Commission received an e-mail from Dwight Marchetti in regard to signage of Suky Marsh Trail and liability issues.

10/30/11 Shirley Green called to say she will be presenting an application to the Commission.

### **Review of November events**

11/3/11: Phone call to Jim Taylor to follow up with Fuller Rd, and Charles Clark concerns, Boys Camps Rd. drainage, chain on Mud Pond Rd. gate.

**11/3/11: Conservation meeting, no quorum.** Informal discussions; Present were Shirley Green, Jeanne and Phil King, Alan Strickland, Steve Schneider. Guest included Dwight Marchetti and Glen Green. Discussion centered on Suky Marsh signage and No Hunting restrictions. Mr. Marchetti was upset by the no hunting restriction, and plans to attend the next selectman's meeting to lodge a complaint. Strickland said that the regulation was simply a safety issue. He feels that the 12 acres of town land that is surrounded by numerous landowners' backyards is too small an area to hunt safely. Strickland and the Commission are more than happy to abide by the selectman decision, and will make the appropriate changes if necessary.

July minutes were reviewed. Shirley and Glenn Green gave a permit of notification for replacing a retaining wall to Chairman Strickland, who signed it as Chairman of the Commission.

11/4/11: Chairman Strickland mailed possible complaint form (Signore) to DES

11/7/11: Chairman Strickland blacked out the **NO HUNTING** on the Suky Marsh sign as required by the selectmen from their meeting 11/5/11.

11/9/11: Chairman Strickland received a phone call from Ehrhard Frost, the forester who is developing a plan for the Town's Bicknell Map#9,lot#45. He will send a sample plan proposal to Strickland by Thanksgiving for review. That plan will be based on the Town of Thetford, VT. He is willing to come and talk with the Commission.

11/13/11: Strickland met with Shaker Museum Trails Committee. Strickland suggested to Wendell Smith

that he attend the next conservation meeting to express ways to support each other, and in particular, the Shaker Canal Trail Walk.

11/18/11: Strickland saws up lumber for re-decking foot bridge for Shaker Canal Trail.

11/20/11: Strickland met with Shaker trail committee to re-deck Shaker Canal Trail. Bridge was re-decked as phase I for the canal walk.

11/27/11: Strickland met with Shaker Museum trial committee to brush out downfall along Shaker canal for the establishment of the Shaker Canal Trail Walk.

11/29/11: Strickland walked Canal Trail to contemplate layout and design.

11/29/11: Strickland received a phone call from Fish & Game' Jim Oehler (271-0453). Set up a meeting for Thursday, December 15th at 9:30AM at the Stone Mill to look at proposed activity on Fish & Game land. Jim will bring the necessary paper work for trail work authorization by the Commission and the Shaker Museum.

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#### **(Continuation of December meeting at DPW)**

#### **12/01/11: Reminder: No January meeting**

**12/01/11:Guest:** Wendell Smith, Shaker Museum Trails Committee addressed the Commission: Chairman Strickland had asked Wendell to come to explore common ground with the Commission, and to keep lines of communication open between the two groups. The Commission had been active in rebuilding trails and bridges 10 to 15 years ago as well as putting the Canal information sign. The Museum Trails Committee is now interested in the maintenance of the trail system infrastructure, as well as establishing a trail to Smith Pond. The Commission expressed support for these endeavors, and to offer help if possible. Wendell also expressed interest in sustainability water power generated electricity for the Shaker Stone Mill. He also expressed interest in some agriculture projects.

Strickland added that the establishment of the first phase of the Canal Trail incorporates the role of the Commission by preserving the Town's natural resources, in this case the historic and magnificent scenic value of this trail, which would be greatly used by the Museum's numerous special events days.

**12/01/11: Correspondence:** No word from the state regarding the Signor Property on Crystal Lake. No packet from Erhard Frost. DES to John DiBitetto, 5 year extension of Alteration of Terrain Permit/////DES Shoreland Impact Permit to Jeff Palermo, Map#8. Lot#39 to replace foundation of house plus construct a dry well

**12/01/11: Intent to cut:** William Mackey, Map#9, Lot#68-11, 16 cords of birch bolts.

**Citizens Forum:** None

#### **12/01/11: New Business:**

In consultation with Town Manager Steve Schneider, next summer's guided kayak trip on the Mascoma

River, Route 4 bridge downstream to the Baltic Mill and back will be scheduled for June 30th, 2012. This will be sponsored by Conservation Commission with wildlife specialists commenting on the riverside and wetland environments. Resource people for trip are John Taylor, Alice Schori in Canaan (632-7375

**Up coming events:**

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 9:30AM at the Stone Mill, Shaker Village meeting with Fish & Game's Jim Oehler to discuss proposed trail activity on Shaker Mountain.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012: A gathering of Conservation Commissions of the Upper Valley sponsored by the UVLT.

**12/01/11:** Motion to adjourn at 7:50PM by Gary Gaudette, seconded by Shirley Green.

Minutes submitted by Alan Strickland, and Anne Steele who took minutes for the December meeting, and then finalized by Strickland.