

Attending – Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Dwight Marchetti, Steve Schneider, Alan Strickland, Jeff Wells

Absent – Joan Fishman

June minutes – Motion to accept made by Alan, second by Dwight, accepted

Discussion:

Valley News articles– Algae blooms on Mascoma Lake, what role can we play? Steve and the life guards saw it at the Town beach Sat afternoon. The bloom was 3 ft wide, 20 ft long, pea green, opaque. It took about 20 minutes to move past the beach. Steve went to a recent Lakes Conference where this was discussed. The Town of Newbery has a storm water runoff ordinance. Should the Town of Enfield have one as well?

There was a session in Concord about bacteria in the water. The Town’s Health Officer went. There are four kinds of algae – Steve has pictures of these. The State only tests the water where people swim or boat. The City of Lebanon has the ability to test water. We can send water samples from other bodies of waters. Dwight suggested testing Main St. & Union St. ponds.

Action to take:

Take photos on what an algae bloom is so we can identify the bloom. A booklet and pictures are on the Town’s website which might have too much information making it somewhat overwhelming.

What action is taken when blooms occur? The Town puts up warning signs at beach and closes the beach until the water is safe. The State tests the water and test every week until safe.

We can work on reducing factors like phosphates and other run off that creates favorable conditions for blooms. Shirley has a booklet from NH Lakes about taking care of our lakes. A bill has been presented in the State to reduce harmful ingredients in dish washer detergents.

Make people aware of what causes the blooms. Publish practical guide for making improvements to property while avoiding runoff. Inform people who fertilize lawns to use the lake water instead.

Publish news letter to water shed residents not just lake residents. Many people don’t participate in lake associations and don’t know how much they impact lake water even if they don’t live on the lake.

Develop watershed plan and produce watershed maps. This will create awareness. Residents will see that they are in the watershed and what they do affects the lakes. The Regional Planning Commission – produces watershed maps – how much would they cost?

Discussion:

Repairs to Smith Pond Dam – All permits have been acquired and a new road has been constructed. The ECC has been involved in the pond/dam for over 20 years so it is interested in what is happening. No public assistance was provided to help pay for the project. A letter of appreciation would be great to recognize the efforts of Dr. Baker and Mr. Cavicchi. Dr. Baker is creating a master agreement to address maintenance responsibilities and public access.

Action to take:

Site visit is needed to see what's going on - 5pm, Sat., Aug 4th. We will meet at the parking lot on Smith Pond Road. We should Invite Dr. Baker and/or his engineer or contractor to join us.

Sue will write a letter of appreciation and everyone can sign. Motion was made by Sue, second by Shirley, passed.

Other Discussions:

Upper Valley Land Trust – The Fish and Game Club has no interest in a toilet on the Fish & Game site. An agreement is in process between the public site and land owner - Hardy Brown property. We will review this at the next meeting.

Riverside landing area - The ECC has been designated as agent to maintain (trash, etc.).

Big Dig - Crystal Lake run off project consists of putting in bigger stone and rock lining existing ditch. The water coming off the hill has yet to find the retention pond. It is still going on the Cross property. Check dams might be put in and seeding is happening as they go. More vegetation might be put in. There is still a possibility of huge amounts of water during heavy downpours that will take out the road. The plan that was developed isn't the best plan which is mostly due to little coordination between the Town and the State. This project is almost done.

Mud Pond – There are now Town gates on both sides and a posted weight limit. Most of the road/trail is in good shape but there is no diversion of water away from the trail. Can the Town do some maintenance? The Town is working with snow mobile clubs who have done some work on the trail. Alan will talk to the snow mobile clubs about diverting the water off the road.

Parking lot across from the Town beach – there is an issue getting boats in and out because swimmers are parking there. There is no sign saying boat parking only. Steve will talk to recreation director.

Sailing Club by motel – Parking is designated to be at LaSalette not on RT 4A. Some boats can't moor there because of their size. Many moors are not being used. Can they be removed?

Citizen's forum:

None

Correspondence:

There was an infraction filling in wet land permit by Exit 16 by Miss Larry. The State is aware of this.

John Keane - 4A camper. Steps to the water and a dock have been built and the State doesn't have a problem with this but he did not get a Town building permit. He has a portapotty, two trailers (which is not allowed), and a shed on the property. DES approved seasonal dock.

Shaker Landing Condo Assoc. wants to replace their beach sand and has the permits.

New Business:

Spectacle Pond - Dwight reported an excavator on the water's edge – the ECC looked at this lot in May. There is also a bobcat machine there – what are they doing? Sue will kayak by there tomorrow. Steve suggested calling Phil, the Town building inspector.

Water runoff on Boys Camp Road into the Bricknell Brook - The water is running about 150 ft right down the trail into the brook. Action needs to be taken to divert the water so it will go more directly into the stream instead of running down the trail. Possible solutions would be to add woodchips or create a rain garden. Is it possible to work with the Town to do something? There are issues on both sides of the bridge. Shirley suggested getting kids involved through the Lakes youth program.

Trail maintenance – Saturdays., come if you can, or if a weekday works let Alan know. This Sat. will be Boys Camp Road at 9am and the next workday will be the Bricknell Brook Trail.

Site visit is needed - Suky Marsh Trail – we will schedule at Aug. meeting.

Dwight motioned to adjourn, second by Sue, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wells