

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

Absent – Joan Fishman

Guest - Merle Schatanus

July minutes – Corrections – Instead of take photos, it should be obtain photos of algae blooms; watershed is one word; Riverside Landing, should be The ECC will be designated, not has been designated as agent; Water runoff Boy's Camp Road, it should be water runs 150 ft into the brook, also adding wood chips is not a solution, but rather to cover roots to make the trail look better.

Dwight motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, Sue seconded, motion passed.

Saturday workdays - Alan will send e-mail to notify everyone if there is one. There is not one this Sat., Aug 9<sup>th</sup>.

Alan handed out Storm Water Conference Guide to Erosion Control published by the Town of Newberry, Steve Schneider attended.

Merle Schatanus spoke about the Conservation Symposium in Eastman on Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 pm. This is being put on by the Eastman Charitable Foundation. Eastman includes property in Enfield, Springfield, and Grantham. They provide grants up to \$5k for water & land resources and outdoor recreation projects. The goal of the conference is to enhance collaboration and networking, to inform the largest population or residents possible, and build the core of volunteers. The ECC has been asked to participate - what has the ECC done, are doing, planning on doing related to conservation in Enfield. We would have to provide an outline of topics to be covered at the conference and someone to speak for 7 – 10 minutes. Ideas are to bring a display, handouts, power point presentation. Jeff made a motion to attend, Shirley seconded, motion passed.

Old business:

Smith Pond visit – Tues, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, attended by Dwight, Alan, Shirley, and Jeff. Dwight and Jeff took pictures, which were viewed at the meeting. Alan handed out a written report of what they saw. Susan will create a pdf and enclose with the minutes. Alan noted that erosion controls are working and work crews are doing a good job in adverse conditions.

Susan to send e-mail reminders for future site visits.

The Hardy Hill agreement hasn't come yet. Upper Valley Land Trust is still working on it.

Sue read letter of appreciation she wrote on behalf of the ECC to Dr. Baker & Mr. Cavicchi for their undertaking of the Smith Pond dam project. All members signed the ECC letterhead and then Sue will copy the letter to the letterhead and mail.

Citizen's forum: None

Mud Pond – Alan talked with Paul Currier about getting some equipment there to do some repairs. The ECC is willing to work with him to make repairs. He has access to equipment to dig out the ditches. We need to do this project this fall with or without his equipment. It is possible to do this by hand. Since he is very busy in the summer we will wait until Sept to talk to him again. We will revisit this at the Sept. meeting.

Correspondence – We were informed of steps to be built that didn't need permit.

We received a letter from DES about the Graham property (Speculator Pond) that the DES received their application for amendment for relocating their garage and stating that they must be approved in writing before construction begins. Sue kayaked by their and reported that the silt fencing was there and they had cut more shrubbery at the water line. Dwight reported that the excavator was back. It appears they are adding more to the stone wall, have not yet started the garage, and were putting topsoil in and seeding. Steve emailed Phil (the Town building inspector) about the work being done and Phil indicated that all appears in order. Sue will e-mail Phil on behalf of the ECC to let him know what she saw. We received an intent to cut near Mud Pond. It could be 45,000 board feet, which would be 10 truckloads of pine. The cut is close to Mud Pond Road and will entail an adverse skid (uphill). Two questions were raised as to how near the road they will cut and will it adversely affect the road.

Discussion about new members - Fred is an alternate. The planning board minutes said alternates shouldn't attend if there is in attendance a have full panel of members. The alternate can only take the place of a member that is absent. If someone is not going to be at a meeting should we ask Fred to attend? Alan would have to know ahead of time. We need to ask him if he's interested in attending and if not, find another alternate.

New Business:

Site visit to Suky Marsh - Thur., Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm before the Sept. meeting. This should take about 1/2 hour. Susan will send an e-mail reminder on Tues. Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ken Daniels has done some work to prevent runoff on Boy's Camp Road bridge. Sue reported that it's crude and could be better.

Bricknell Book trail head on Grafton Pond Road is near the old gravel pit. The gravel pit is becoming a wild area and if not maintained soon, we will lose the two natural fields. The down side of keeping the fields is more maintenance. Suggestions were made for using the space for some picnic tables and to move the beginning of the trail to go through the fields and meet up with the old trail. It would have to be mowed and a new trail laid out. A site visit would be helpful but before the site visit could someone lay out a proposed trail and show where it would intersect the old trail. A motion was made by Sue for Alan to mark the new trail, second by Dwight, motion passed.

The Big Dig was completed today. Dwight reported that lots of silt is already in the retention pond - about 1/3 full and covering the filter rocks.

Driscoll property on Crystal Lake Road – Dwight reported quite a bit of digging. They are cutting down trees and pushing over trees well within the 250ft lake boundary. There are pipes going into a catch basin. Dwight will investigate on behalf of ECC. He will e-mail Steve to see if he knows about the drainage work they are doing.

Dwight motion to adjourn, Sue seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wells, Secretary

8/4/09

Site visit to Smith Pond

5:00 PM – 700 PM

Enfield Conservation Commission

Present: Shirley Green, Dwight Marchetti, Alan Strickland, Jeff Wells

The Commission meeting officially began at 5:00 PM in the trailhead parking lot. The present Commission members walked from this point to the pond, encountering en route, Bill Morgan, the project foreman for the dam reconstruction. Mr. Morgan said that work began about mid-July but has been hampered by the heavy rains. Work has yet to begin on the main dam. Last fall the Conservation Commission suggested that several erosion controls be included. It was noted today that all of the controls the Commission had suggested were in place. Thus far, a road has been built to the dam. From the dam there is a pioneer road to the outermost dike. Silt fences were in place all along the road, and no problems were seen.

The Smith Pond work crew is to be commended for doing a professional and responsible job working so close to major wetlands despite the frequent and heavy rains of late that have made such construction projects difficult.

Alan Strickland.

Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission