

Enfield Conservation Commission (ECC)

Sept 3, 2009

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

August minutes corrections – correct name - Spectacle Pond

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gary, motion seconded by Jeff, passed.

Update - Water runoff on Boys Camp Road into the Bricknell Brook - Additional work was done by the Town. Woodchips were added to the trail to cover roots and muddy area.

Suky Marsh Trail Site Visit - This site was visited prior to the meeting. We need to remove hazardous hanging limbs and dead trees. We need to fix the handrail on the 1st bridge. The 2nd bridge needs leveling and a hand rail should be added. The brook crossing over the rocks is dangerous so a bridge is needed there. There is a new owner on the private part of the trail so it was suggested to move the trail to keep the entire trail on town land. Another suggestion was to contact the new owner to see what they think about leaving the trail as it is. Alan will contact the new owner and the boy scouts about fixing/building the bridges. The Town will do something immediately about the most dangerous tree limbs and snags. Dwight will mark the trees/limbs to be removed. A motion was made by Gary to continue maintaining the trail, with provision that the repairs be made, Dwight seconded the motion, passed.

Discussion - E-mail from Phil (Town building inspector) concerning the complaint about the project on the Driscoll's property on Crystal Lake. The owner and excavator operator said permits were not needed and they had Town permission. They told the Town they were doing drainage work. The DES says that no permits were issues; there was no DES approval. Project is done but DES is requiring them to apply for permits anyway. Quite a bit of pollution, like silt, went into the lake. ECC to send letter to DES to describe what Dwight & Shirley saw, include a complaint, and inquire if the Driscolls have indeed filed for a permit. Steve Schneider will write the letter and Alan will send it. Gary made a motion to send the letter of complaint to DES and inquire as to the status of the permit; Sue seconded the motion, passed.

The process for dealing with issues like the Driscoll property – ECC members identify any issues, assign the issue to a member, the member contacts the Town. Members of the ECC should not contact DES as a member without ECC approval.

Letters – one from DES saying that the Mascoma property case is closed. The letter of thanks and appreciation was sent to Dr. Baker and Mr. Cavicchi – Smith Pond Dam project. Sue will write a letter to Jim Martel (Mascoma River Commission) to get support for the ECC.

Spectacle Pond property issues - The Grahams obtained approvals from the DES but now the DES says they shouldn't have so they need to take down what was constructed. The project is already done and consisted of building a 2nd story over the screened porch. The foot print was not expanded. The

Grahams and Phil have been present at hearings with the DES. Cutting shrubbery was part of the approval even though they said they weren't going to cut. The Town doesn't have a law about not cutting shorelines. A shoreline permit must be issued first and then the Town can grant the building permit.

We need new Town ordinances to add stricter shoreline (watershed) ordinances. Not for each lake, but for all in order to have the Town standards the same as the State. We will work on this so it can go to the planning board. Shirley will find out what ordinances are in effect on other lakes. Need 25 signatures in by November in order to submit to the Town.

Eastman Symposium in October - Alan attended the first meeting. Jeff is helping Alan create a PowerPoint presentation. Shirley might also present about shoreline protection.

Mascoma River Landing (document mailed to members) - Jeff questioned the signage – The no trespassing signs are too close to the public area. These signs need to be far enough away from the access site to avoid confusion. We need a unique sign to indicate where the private property starts. Maintenance section – Dwight questioned ease of access in order to keep an eye on the site to make sure it's not being abused. Dwight offered to do this in the summer. Maintenance access – there is a revised memo which indicates that access by land is granted to do maintenance only. Do we need something on the water so people can get out of their boats? The land owner would have a liability issue one was added. We will modify the document to say that no structure will be provided to get out of boats. There is no sign at the site to indicate it can be used by the public. ECC needs to post one. A motion was made by Gary to continue with the process and to accept the draft document with revisions, seconded by Sue, passed.

Big Dig - retention pond for Crystal Lake. The Town needs to remove the large amount of sediment already collected there. The retention pond was supposed to be bigger. In order to make it bigger it needs to fail first. Then this problem can be fixed.

Lake hosts have been active this summer. Water monitors collect samples May thru Oct. Crystal Lake water is analyzed through UNH weekly and Mascoma is analyzed through the State monthly. The Town compiles the results.

Bicknell Park (former stump dump) – The “park” needs to be brush hogged in order to keep it a meadow. Rob Godfrey volunteered to do it for free. We need to give him a key to gate. Bigger trees will need to be cut. Motion to allow Godfrey to brush hog was made by Gary, Dwight seconded, passed.

Mud Pond - the road ditches need to be cleaned to prevent silt from going into Mud Pond. Can the Town do it? It is not a high priority. Snow mobile club was supposed to do work on 1 mile of this Class 6 road. Alan could ask Godfrey to clean the ditches. Steve would have to bring this to the selectman to get the approval to pay for this work on the Enfield section only. Before we approve this or anything else that could be done, everyone needs to see it. We will address at the next meeting.

Friends of Northern Rails - \$300 dollars appropriated for trail maintenance. The trail has been hand cut in the past but it needs more cutting with machinery. They will let us know if they need the money. This organization might not exist in the future, and if so the Towns would have to take over the maintenance.

Frog Pond Union Street – the water test has not been done. There is major pond scum on the pond behind the Enfield Center post office.

Correspondence – the Star Drive project didn't need a variance. There are many violations on Fairbanks, Algonquin Road. A deck was added but they need a permit to keep it.

Cole Pond Estates – currently a sand pit and man-made pond. There is also a model home there. We should take a picture for the Eastman symposium.

Gary made the motion to adjourn, Dwight seconded, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wells, Secretary