

November 5, 2009

Enfield Conservation Meeting

**Attending:** Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Dwight Marchetti, Fred Paradis, Alan Strickland, and Jeff Wells. Also Steve Schneider

**October minutes:** a motion to accept the minutes was made by Dwight, seconded by Joan, motion passed.

**In Passing:** Eastman Symposium Conference – Jeff and Alan presented at the Oct 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was attended by approximately 70 people.

**Follow Up:**

**UVLT Wetlands Agreement** - Alan received the final draft of the Upper Valley Land Trust and the Town of Enfield Hardy Wetlands Agreement. A copy will be e-mailed to everyone to review before the next meeting. If accepted, it will be presented on Dec 7th to the Town Selectman for review. Trail signs for the Mascoma River access site will be made up.

**Bicknell Park** - The trees have been chipped by the Town. Alan is hoping the Town will level the pile of fill in the first meadow to make the area more level. Alan sent a thank you letter to Rob Godfrey for the bush hogging he contributed for the project.

**Mud Pond Repairs**– Dwight & Alan fixed a major source of erosion and it's working like it should. There is a culvert issue – Paul Currier and the snow mobile club wanted to put in a culvert but it wasn't done because there's suppose to be a stone culvert already there. There are also stone walls in the area. These stone structures have historic value so removing them would be an issue. Steve will find out if there's historic stone work there or not. The club wants to do a lot more work, but do they really need to.

**Suky Marsh** – There have been no repairs on the hand rails or new ones constructed.

**Frog Pond Water Testing** – This has been done by the Town. No results yet.

**Old Business:**

**Cole Pond Estates** - Dwight's input concerning the negative visual negative impact on the Cole Pond trail head - this is an isolated area so there has been some dumping there. It would be advantageous to not have a barrier for the safety of hikers on the trail and to discourage vandalism/dumping. The planning board did not address this but there is still time to request something be done if that is what we decide. Further discussion and a decision were tabled until the December meeting.

**NHACC Annual Meeting:** this Sat., Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. No one was planning on attending.

**Citizens Forum:** none

**Guest Speaker:**

Joe Farrelly from Deerfield, NH speaking on “Watershed Ordinances.”

The Pleasant Lake Watershed and Lake Study 2002 included recommendations to create special zoning ordinances for the lake/watershed. The watershed ordinance was written using wording taken from other town’s lake/watershed ordinances. There is a need for these special ordinances in order to protect the water and to protect the watershed against development that would negatively impact the area and ultimately the lake. There is a direct benefit for everyone, not just the lake residents. Ordinances address conversion of seasonal camps into year round, sediment control, and other issues. The ordinances are difficult to enforce. A big issue is mind set – it’s better to ask forgiveness than to ask permission. Joe recommended establishing ordinances for one lake at a time and then applying those ordinances to the next lake, and so on.

**Watershed Ordinances** – As a result of the presentation, Dwight motion that we acquire a summary of the general analysis of water quality for Mascoma and Crystal Lakes for the last 10 years for us to review and to decide what direction to go into, seconded by Shirley, passed. We will invite representatives from each lake association to come to present this info at the January meeting.

**Correspondence:**

**UVLT wooden puzzles** – These puzzles are scenes from the Bricknell Brook and are available for sale. The puzzles are 8 ½ x 11 and cost around \$300 each.

**Photo Exhibit** – on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Etna, there will be an exhibit by a photographer who specializes in pictures of Bricknell Brook. We need to RSVP soon, so please let Alan know if you plan to attend.

**DES** - Mr. Driscoll did apply for a shoreline protection permit, a gravel driveway was approved on Shaker Boulevard for the MacMeekins, and the Town was granted a permit for a shoreline replacement tunnel. The Johnsons obtained a permit to replace a wall on their Crystal Lake property. The Gerlacks submitted a shoreline application for their property on Mascoma Lake.

**Intent to Cut:** Maurice Langley on Crystal Lake intends to cut more than 20 cords of firewood. The property borders Crystal Lake. There is no issue with cutting if they complying with the NH shoreline protection act and leave the 250’ buffer.

**New Business:**

Eastman Grant – There are grants available. The application is due December 15th. What can we use it for? We will discuss at the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Dwight made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Wells, Secretary