

Enfield Conservation Meeting

December 3, 2009

Attending: Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Fred Paradis, Alan Strickland, and Jeff Wells. Also Steve Schneider

Call the meeting to order at 7pm.

November minutes: a motion to accept the minutes was made by Shirley, seconded by Joan, motion passed.

In Passing:

Smith Pond construction is complete. The issue of ownership of the damn itself is still not clear. Does it belong to the town (would have to go to the town meeting)? Or third party ownership and the town just inspects it? Who is responsible for long term maintenance? There's a possibility to set up an expendable trust fund for maintenance. It is imperative to maintain public access. A management/access document will need to be created.

Follow Up: Sue (letter to Mascoma River Management and Protection Program) – postponed until next meeting.

UVLT and the Town of Enfield Hardy Wetlands Agreement final draft – Jeff brought up a possible problem with the word hope in section 8 concerning the owner posting no trespassing signs close enough to cause confusion about what is posted and what is not. Discussion about defining the area using GPS (by the UVLT) or changing the word hope to should. The area is vague, but it's always been vague. Steve e-mailed the UVLT to set up a time to define the public use area.

Bicknell Park grading – the town highway department will do the grading to level the pile of debris/rocks etc.

Vote on Mud Pond Repairs (approximate cost of \$230) – the project was completed in about half the time expected. The E-mail vote was 5 members yeah, no nays. A motion in favor of paying for this work was made by Alan, seconded by Jeff, motion passed.

Suky Marsh Repairs: Should we pay someone to repair the hand rails on two bridges and construct one new bridge? This would be a spring project. Jeff volunteered to coordinate the project. The town has power equipment that can be used. Cost of materials was not addressed.

Old Business:

Watershed Ordinances Summary – The question as to why do we need these ordinances was addressed to Steve. To protect the integrity of the lakes from events that happen

within the watershed. DES only deals with the 250 foot shoreline area. Watershed ordinances identify the watershed and address development within the watershed, including ordinances to deal with the runoff and storm water outside the 250 foot shoreline area. Even within the 250 foot shoreline area they would give the town jurisdiction to identify and deal with best practices and enforcement. Permits from the town would be required to ensure compliance with stricter codes and/or different codes. The ordinances would be enforced by the town.

Water quality – At the January meeting we will have guest speakers. Glen Green speaking for Crystal Lake and Jim Martel for Mascoma Lake in regards to water quality.

Frog Pond – The water test results have been received. There are higher levels of fecal matter and e-coli than allowed for drinking water but this pond doesn't impact any drinking water source.

Trail Guide – The Town was awarded \$1,000 to publish a trail guide requested by Kurt. The guide will include both logging roads and trails and the map will designate the different types of trails, indicating that the logging roads change. The award covers the cost of printing and signage but there's not enough to do both. The cost of signage will be covered and the rest of the award will be used to print as many guides as possible.

Citizens Forum: None

Correspondence:

Jay Auben from DES – Alan has not been able to get in touch with him.

Merle Schotanus of Eastman – a thank you note for participating in the Eastman Symposium was received.

Adele Furdyna of the Grantham Conservation Commission. – An article for the Eastman Living magazine will include a summary of the symposium.

Intent to Cut: None

Julie spoke to the Langleys about their cut. They have access off of Algonquin and they will not be cutting within 250 feet of the shoreline.

New Business:

Eastman Grant – There is up to \$5,000 available for qualifying projects. The application is due by December 15th. Some of the guidelines are: support/protect Eastman Lake and abutting watershed, understand the watershed, environmental education, and preserve sites. The grant cannot cover operating costs, cost already incurred, or political costs. Ideas presented were: topsoil for Bricknell Park, obtaining an easement along Crystal Lake Brook, printing/distributing a brochure for lake residences, publish a watershed brochure to promote/explain the proposed watershed ordinances, and extend the Bricknell Brook trail. It would cost \$400 (possibly \$800) to acquire and distribution 400 copies of the NH Lakes brochure. A motion was made by Alan for

Shirley to fill out the grant application for printing/distributing the NH Lakes and the watershed ordinance project brochures. Gary seconded the motion and the motion passed. The grant application requires no more than 3 letters of support. Steve will write two letters - one will come from the town selectman and one from ECC. Gary made a motion that the ECC supports the application and will, therefore, submit a letter of support. Joan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Site visit to Mud Pond - Sunday December 13th at 1pm, Crystal Lake side, for a walk through – Susan will send an e-mail reminder on Friday, December 11th.

Expansion of Mud Pond recreation corridor - land owners need to be contact about a possible boardwalk into Mud Pond. A loop trail could be put in along the brook. Alan has a map of the area and a mock up of what the boardwalk might look like.

Bicknell Brook Park entrance and signage – Alan showed a map of old trail and where the proposed new trails would meet up with old trail. Woodchips would be placed on the road through the park to the trail head. There would be two trails, one to the old trail heading down to the brook and the other directly to the bridge. The old trail that runs by the house on Grafton Pond Road would be eliminated. This would be a spring project. A motion was made by Jeff to support this project, seconded by Fred, passed. Jeff bought up the issue of horses on the trail and the damage that's been done. Signage needs to be changed/added indicating foot traffic only. We will need to contact UVLT.

Q2C – Another grant opportunity but the deadline has passed.

ADJOURN at 8:27 pm - motion made by Joan, seconded by Fred, passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary