

Enfield Conservation Meeting

January 7, 2010

Attending: Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, and Jeff Wells. Also Steve Schneider and Tom Lenell, visitor.

Call the meeting to order at 7pm.

November minutes: a motion to accept the minutes was made by Joan, seconded by Sue, to accept the minutes as corrected, motion passed. Correction – change Glen Green to Glyn Green.

Guest Speakers:

Jim Martel of Mascoma Lake and Glyn Green of Crystal Lake speaking on lake water quality.

Jim Martel is the Water Quality Chairman of Mascoma Lake Association (MLA) – the annual VLAP Water Quality Report includes data back to 1991, Eurasian Milfoil was discovered in 1998 and removal consists of divers locating and removing individual plants, fish consumption guidelines limit fish to 4-8 oz per month and none for pregnant women also State aid is expected, an ALS study was done to determine if toxins in the algae are causing Lou Garrett's disease, a housing development with 67 units is waiting for approval while the MLA is trying to stop it, the Mascoma River Management Program is underway to obtain community support to protect the river corridor and the lake. Jim brought a video for the commission to view about Mascoma Lake – Mascoma Speaks. It was made in the 1960's. The video is owned by the library for public viewing.

Glyn Green from the Crystal Lake Association – a graph showed the changes in water quality year to year, there are reports of more weed growth which is happening at an accelerated rate, changes in the composition of the water bottom from gravel/sand to mud due to run off, the impact of the decline in oxygen levels in the water, data for annual average reading of water quality is available for the past 20 seasons.

Steven Schneider provided a conclusion regarding why Jim and Glyn were asked to speak. There is a great need for water shed ordinances in order to protect our lakes. More education is needed, one of these being the Lake Youth Employment Program.

Citizen's Forum: none

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Eastman Grant – Shirley completed the application and sent that along with the required letters to the Eastman Foundation for printing/distributing the NH Lakes brochures and the watershed ordinance project brochures.

Site visit to Mud Pond – Several members attended on Sunday December 13th to see the recent improvements made to the road and drainage.

New Business - None

ADJOURN at 8:20 pm - motion made by Shirley, seconded by Sue, passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary
Minutes taken by Jeff Wells