

Enfield Conservation Meeting

April 1, 2010

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

Alan called the meeting to order at 7:06.

February minutes (there was no March meeting): a motion to accept the minutes was made by Joan, seconded by Joan, to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Sue, motion passed. Correction – Alan Strickland was also present.

In passing:

An article in the Kearsarge Magazine was sent to Alan in the mail – the article was on the Eastman Symposium and the ECC presentation by Jeff & Alan.

Alan passed out Northern Woodlands magazine – we are again getting the subscription.

The grant was received from the Eastman Foundation with a letter requesting a follow up report after the project is complete and requesting that we include the foundation's name in any press releases and mailings. The grant was for \$4,000.00. We should familiarize ourselves with the all materials in the mailing in case we receive any questions.

Concerns:

Illegal trail on town property: It has come to our attention that someone cut a snowmobile trail of over ½ mile and 6-8 feet wide through the Bricknell Brook property. The police are investigating. Down and dead and some living trees have been cut. Alan asked how or if we need to proceed. Alan showed a map of the illegal trail. ECC does not have to proceed except to follow up with the police. Alan asked what needs to be done with the snowmobile trail. Should it be closed off by falling trees across it or some other method? Motion to authorize trail to be closed by falling/moving trees across entrances was made by Sue, second Fred, passed.

Underpass on Main Street: Alan asked for comments on the new underpass which is by the Shaker Bridge on Main Street. Fred – take it out. Sue – if there's a cheaper way of doing it, keep it. But it's a big expense. Joan – not a very good use of money. The project's permitted plan includes the rail trail span and the trails groups are for it. The plan includes taking the existing underpass out and put in a new higher/wider one – 130 feet. There would be two lanes of traffic instead of one and a sidewalk and the road would be straightened. The cost to the State is \$1M. The cost to the Town of Enfield may be to relocate a water line for \$50k depending on the design. Another option is to make an at-grade crossing – this would be cheaper. ECC in the past supported the overpass. ECC will not commit to support or not support the project.

Follow Up:

Hardy Wetlands / Riverside Landing Area proposals. Alan met with UVLT and presented a design for the sign to put up on the river to indicate the site. The sign would say Hardy Wetlands (canoe symbol) Riverside Landing Area. On the site will be a picnic table and possibly a fence and ledger for visitors to sign in and add other info. Posted would be a list of regulations such as no fires, carry it in, carry it out. The ECC symbol would be included to show the cooperative effort between ECC and land owner. Sue

will check to see if UVLT has more standard signage/symbol so people can recognize this is a UVLT site. If there is, the more standard signage/symbol would be used.

Correspondence:

Susan Smith, Map#8, Lot#36 DES, John & Susan Potter, Map#27, Lot#10 DES, John Keane, Map#10, Lot#8-1, DES, DOT in regard to Shaker Bridge and the Shaker Bridge Landing area is asking for comment. Driveway construction from DES, septic systems, shoreline permits.

DOT – upcoming construction for Route 4A and resulting wetlands misplacement, Shaker Bridge, paving, and realign Main Street. 3.77 acres of wetlands would be impacted; some temporary and some permanent. We have been given three options for how to offset the impact. 1) create upland buffer, 2) create new wetlands, and 3) \$250k donation to NH Resource Mitigation Fund. It was agreed that we need more info – what mitigation would they do?

Intent to Cut:

Crate Map#1, Lot#3////Breslin Map#16, Lot#41////Maurer Map#17. Lot#15////Stanley Map#16, Lot#60////Baker Map#17, Lot#3,4,5////Shaun Hathaway incomplete application. Alan questions Crate Bog Road property – there's a major wetland in the middle of the property but they are only cutting 6,000 board feet which isn't very much.

New Business:

During the meeting everyone helped with the preparations for mailing the pamphlets by folding 600 letters from the Town and fact sheets. We will need more pamphlets. Town employee will finish up photocopying and making labels. Steve will let Shirley know when the labels are done so we can find a time to meet again and fold. Shirley will e-mail everyone with suggested times and places to meet.

Mascoma watershed letter went out – Sue.

We will start Saturday trail work when the ground dries out – Alan to send an e-mail to notify when and where.

A motion was made by Jeff to adjourn, seconded by Sue, passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary