

## **Enfield Conservation Meeting**

**May 6, 2010**

**Attending:** Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Dwight Marchetti, Alan Strickland, and Jeff Wells. Also Steve Schneider

**Alan called the meeting to order at 7 :00.**

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

### **In passing:**

Gary Gaudette has decided not to terminate his position on the commission.

The mailing of the brochure and water shed ordinance materials is complete. Approximately 1,900 mailings went out with a press release at a cost of approximately \$1,000. We still need to pay for the brochures – approximately \$1,000.

### **New Business:**

River landing site on Mascoma River – progress is being made on the sign and signing the agreement.

Bicknell Park preparations – the Town will re-grade the fill out and seed it. The area will continue to be mowed and the Town will place wood chips on the path and dump loads in the soft spots. There is a need for new signage for the new trail and volunteers to spread the chips. Gary's company has volunteered to help sometime in June.

Bridges on Suky Marsh – the area still needs to dry out before trail work can begin. Old hand rails on bridges need to be replaced and added to bridges currently without hand rails.

### **Citizens Forum:**

From 12-3-09 minutes: "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."

**Jane Curtis**, Route 4-A, addressed the commission regarding riding her horse on the Bicknell Brook Trail (loop trail only): Jane believes that hoof marks don't impact the trail any more than all other uses of the trail and manure breaks down quickly and it would be rare for the horse to urinate so these don't impact ground water. This is the only safe place in the area for her to ride her horse. She doesn't feel safe riding on Grafton Pond Road or other dirt roads open to vehicles. Others spoke in support of Jane: Everett Portrass - some of the trail is on his property and he helps maintain the trail. He would

consider closing off the trail on his property if Jane is not allowed to ride the trail. Sharon Pescetta – live and let live. She asked to wait and see if there's damage to the trail. Tim Labby - this is a safe place to ride.

Commission responses: **Jeff** reminded everyone that if members of the commission see a problem, we need to bring it up and that ECC is supervisory board to the Town of Enfield and will need to make a recommendation to the Town of Enfield. He is concerned about having a 1,000 lb animal with steel shoes on the trail because of the many wet spots. This would result in more repairs. There's a lot of damage already. **Dwight** brought up the issue of walking over manure and the Town possibly being liable for injuries to both horse and rider and opening up the trail for not only one but more horses. He has walked on the dirt roads and also doesn't feel safe. **Alan** expressed concern that the trails will need even more repairs, with many repairs already needed that aren't being addressed. Mountain bikes have been allowed on the trail, but should they? The UVLT was contacted regarding horses using the trail but they had no opinion. **Sue** expressed concern that if we open this trail to horses then all of them should be open to horses. **Shirley** asked if any horse warning signs are on the dirt roads. There aren't any.

It was decided that we will revisit this at the next meeting.

**Evertt Portrass** - Reminded the commission of an agreement that he made with Alan to remove the tree bridge when the other bridge was built. Alan said we will address this and take the tree bridge down once it has been determined how to do this.

### **Correspondence:**

Jeff Snow, Mud Pond Rd., is upset with Commission for inviting public to use Mud Pond Trail because of potential damage to the town road that he maintains. Jane Curtis is concerned that the Commission will recommend a ban on horse use on Bicknell Brook Trail (see Citizen's Forum). Richard??? wants to install a duck house near Bog Rd.

Marc d'Anjou and Sarah Mckinnon (Shoreland Application) Map#34 Lot#47 (replacing existing sun porch). Susan Smith (Shoreland impact permit issued) Map#8 Lot#36 Crystal Lake.

**Jeff Snow** – The Town annual report encouraged the public to walk Mud Pond Road – a class 6 road. This is not his road but he is responsible for the maintenance – plowing, grading, etc. Towns do not maintain class 6 roads. If you live on class 6 road you must maintain it yourself. Board of selectman agrees there has been some increase in traffic there and are considering making another parking area closer to the dam/Lockhaven Rd. and adding more signs about parking. There are three residents - one on the corner, two in further. Alan walked the trail recently, and because of the improvements put into the trail last fall, the hike was very pleasant and enjoyable.

**DOT** made a decision concerning the wetland impact by giving \$250,000 to the NH Aquatic Mitigation Fund. This is compensation for the wetlands misplacement due to the upcoming construction for Route 4A. Also, the DOT has acquired acreage from Lower Shaker Village Wildlife Management Area owned by NH Fish & Game (land moving from one NH state agency to another).

**Intent to Cut:**

Steve Fulton Map#8 Lot#1. Lester Fairbanks Map#5 Lot#015

**New Business:**

Smith Pond and public access was tabled.

Phase II of the **Eastman Grant** will be a study to find out what else needs to be done to convince people that we need water shed ordinances. Inquiries need to be made with UNH & DES to see what, if any, data is needed. We might already have everything we need. The final step will be to write the ordinances. There is approximately \$2,000 in grant funds left. Shirley will make the inquiries to see if we need more info.

**Dwight** – Mascoma Lake property with camper & stairs – and excavator is digging; on Crystal Lake there is a house going in, possibly on wetlands so the project is on hold and DES is involved; 4A septic system is going in and there are permits; Spec Pond property is still in litigation; an addition to a house by the underpass and rail trails is only 10 to 15 feet from the brook but there are permits. Dwight encourages members to inquire about construction that we see.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan K. Wells, secretary