

## **Enfield Conservation Meeting**

**June 3, 2010**

**Attending:** Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Alan Strickland, and Jeff Wells.

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

**May minutes:** A motion was made by Joan to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Sue, motion passed. Two corrections: 1 - The spelling of Everett Poitras' name was corrected. 2 – In regard to horses on the trail, the word urine was replaced with urinate.

**Corrections to prior meeting minutes:** The commission was notified by Lisa Bonnette, executive assistant to the Town Manager, that the November 2004 minutes were misstated. It was reported that DES received a complaint about a logging operation on Map 18, Lot 48 and that there would be an inspection of the property. The property owner was given as Dean Vanier. Mr. Vanier did not own the property at the time. Mr. Vanier has asked that the minutes be corrected and he would like an apology. A motion was made by Sue to amend the minutes of November 2004 ECC meeting to remove Mr. Vanier's name as the property owner and issue an apology on behalf of the 2004 commission. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed. Alan will write up the apology and send it to Lisa.

### **Old Business and Updates:**

**Colette Trail:** The old log bridge on the Colette Trail was removed on May 31, 2010 by Dwight and Alan as requested by Everett Poitras at the May meeting.

**Bicknell Park:** The Town graded the fill pile in Bicknell Park as well as put down a layer of wood chips on the road. Alan put 10 pounds of grass seed on the graded area. The construction of the new trail entrance can begin at any time. Alan has requested another load of chips from the Town, which will be spread on the trail by volunteers. Alan has ordered new signage for the Park. He also called Rob Godfrey about bushhogging again and he is willing to do it. Alan offered to pay him but he didn't accept or decline. Alan suggested that the really wet spot on the trail be filled in by putting down road fabric and then woodchips on top. A motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Shirley, for Alan to purchase 50 feet of road fabric, motion passed.

**Hardy Wetland Riverside Landing:** Alan has been in communication with the UVLT, and hopefully before the next meeting the access site should be in place. The landowner is going to put a new picnic table on the site. Dwight and Alan will put the signage in place as soon as it is available.

**Mud Pond:** Dwight and Alan walked the road on 5/31/10 and noticed that a vehicle had driven through from Canaan. The vehicle left deep ruts in places. Dwight would like the Commission to ask the Enfield and Canaan police to take notice, as vehicles over 1000 pounds are prohibited. Also there are several mud holes that could easily be filled in with wood chips. The Town is reluctant to make improvement on a class VI road. This could possibly be done by volunteers or designate the road a trail, which would require passage at town meeting. A motion to notify the Enfield and Canaan police of prohibited vehicle activity was made by Sue, seconded by Jeff, motion passed. Alan will notify both police departments.

**User Conflicts on Town Trails:** Alan commended everyone for their well spoken and non-personal comments during last month's discussion regarding horses on the Colette Trail. Further discussion on the

use of the Colette Trail, town portion, will be revisited at our next meeting so that Dwight can add his thoughts. The proper use of all trails in the Town will be included in the discussion.

### **Citizens Forum:**

**Correspondence:** David Zani, Map#18 Lot#3 - DES acknowledges receipt of an application for a Shoreland Permit. Lynn Peterson Map#21 Lot#36 - DES acknowledges a receipt of an application for a Shoreland Permit for Mascoma Lake. Shirley will investigate for what purpose. Alan mentioned the article in the Valley News about the use of chemicals to get rid of milfoil in Lake Fairlee. Mascoma uses volunteer divers to pull it out by hand. There is currently no milfoil in Crystal Lake.

**Intent to Cut:** Lester Fairbanks, Map#5 Lot#15, received a complete Forestry Notification from DES. Nancy Gillette, Map#15 Lot#61. Melody Cavicchi Map#3 Lot#10 and Map#7 Lot#5a & 5b.

### **New Business:**

Phase II of the Eastman Grant - update from Shirley. The typical process is to select a committee to include town officials to review other town ordinances already in effect, draft the ordinances, review the ordinances with the town (the State of NH and UNH could also review), put together an awareness campaign to include mailings and meetings, get planning board support or get a citizen's petition if the planning board doesn't support, present the ordinances at a town meeting, put to a town vote. It was decided to form the committee by the July meeting.

Commission member alternate – Fred Paradis is no longer an alternate. A couple of names were suggested. Sue will contact one of those suggested as soon as possible to see if they will serve.

Sue was sworn in today –commission member renewal.

NH Lakes received a grant to hire six teenagers from Mascoma Lake and Lebanon to help with the lake host program on Mascoma and Crystal Lakes. A Goose Pond conservation program is also in place.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Bicknell Park work day with Gary's company. Gary needs to have a set date, time, and what they will be doing. Communication for volunteers goes out every other week. Gary's crew could put down the road fabric and bring the woodchips to cover. This is a project for lots of people and it can be done any time. We would need wheelbarrows and shovels. We will plan on 4 hours per person for as many people as Gary can get. Date and time still to be determined.

Smith Pond Dam – we will plan a site visit soon and will need to address public access.

**A motion was made by Joan to adjourn, seconded by Alan, passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:11.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary