

Enfield Conservation Meeting

October 7, 2010

Attending: Members - Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Dwight Marchetti, Alan Strickland, and Jeff Wells.
Also attending: Glyn Green.

Alan called the meeting to order at 7 :02 pm.

September minutes: A motion was made by Dwight, seconded by Jeff to accept the minutes as amended, passed. Amendments made: Change: Phil Neilly will play a big role in enforcing the watershed ordinance. Change: DEC to DES in the final paragraph about the watershed ordinances. Change: Gary will be acting chairman for the November meeting.

In Passing: The Town cleaned up the mattress and garbage at the Bicknell Trail Head. Police were notified as well as the Town Manager.

Old Business and Updates:

Bicknell Park: Alan noticed black locust invading which will eventually take over, he likes the open area. Dwight believes the area needs to stay natural and fill in so only the trail will be left which will discourage use by large groups of people; brush hogging is not a matter of money. Jeff likes the open area for wildlife but there's no need to brush hog every year, maybe every 2 or 3 years; if the woods return, certain wildlife will leave. Joan asked about just trimming the invading trees. Shirley would like the area to return to its natural state. Everyone agreed that we don't need to do anything this year but should revisit next fall. Dwight made a motion to table this, Shirley seconded, passed.

Smith Pond: Alan did a site visit and everything looks great. The area is now all seeded in, no erosion present, the dam is still accessible, there are a number of side dams, and no bare soil.

Hardy Wetland Riverside Landing: Dwight has not visited recently due to the rains. He will wait until the road dries out and make one more visit in 2010.

Use signage at Bicknell Park –Dwight reminded everyone that State Law already covers restrictions to hunting so if we want to include hunting restrictions on the sign he would like to have approval by the Town Selectman. Do we want to say no hunting if portions of trails are on other peoples' property? It was decided to remove all references to hunting, tree stands, etc. There will be one sign at the Bicknell trail head on Grafton Pond Road and one at the Suki Marsh trailhead. The Bicknell trail sign will say the following: Welcome to the Bicknell & Colette Trails / Established September, 1994 / A co-operative venture between the Town of Enfield, Private Property Owners, and the Upper Valley Land Trust / PLEASE RESPECT THE FOLLOWING: Foot travel only / NO campfires or camping / NO horses / NO mountain bikes / NO motorized vehicles / Enjoy the natural beauty of Bicknell Brook, a historic Native American travel route. The Suki Marsh sign will be similar.

Shaker Landing Condominium permit: The Commission did not make a site visit after Alan determined that DES would do the research quicker to find out whether or not there was a previous permit if the Commission signed the permit application. If the application was not signed their actions/research would just take longer. Dwight said that we should have had the site visit regardless

and that we could over rule DES. At the last meeting we voted to table the decision to sign the application until we had more info and did a site visit. Alan did get more info but we did not make the site visit before he signed the application. We still don't know if they have a previous permit or not.

Continuation of Town ordinances: Update by Shirley, Glyn, and Dwight. The new draft includes inputs from various people and Glyn researched these suggestions. The highlighted section needs input about the wording for the boundaries. New Hampshire CSBA stands for Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act and several towns have adopted that including Sunapee and Newbery. The CSBA is only concerned with lake shorelines and streams. Our ordinances will cover more than that. Alan asked what is different from already existing ordinances. These watershed ordinances address the entire watershed which is not addressed currently. The State is supposed to enforce the CSBA and we have some zoning ordinances. The watershed ordinances would become part of the zoning ordinances. The statement of intent needs to include why we need the ordinances such as - as the town grows there will be more and more impact on water resources. The statement of intent would be part of a preamble that can explain what is happening now to our water resources and why it is happening. Dwight asked what the next step is. It will go to the planning board next. We need to get this ready by March 2011. The next meeting of the Planning Board in October 27 and we should let them see this draft at that meeting. Should we make a presentation to the Selectman before the Planning Board? We need at least one member from each board to support these ordinances strongly. Glyn commented that these ordinances need to be done correctly no matter how long it takes in order to persuade the people to adopt and not to force this on people. The Planning Board would put this on the warrant or it can be put there by petitioned. Item B.2 – boundaries still need to be defined. We should probably use a map and it would be good to have Planning Board input. Item E.2 Forestry – a minimum of 100 feet buffer on both sides of a brook is too large. This means no cutting at all and for some properties this could be a significant portion of the entire property. Dwight made a motion to change to 50 feet for no cutting, Alan second, passed. Item E.3 Agriculture – fertilizer is mentioned here and fertilizer on lawns was added under general – item E.6.5. There could be a problem with the wording about not allowing spreading of road salt on roads close to lakes and on bridges – item E.6.3.e. We need alternative wording like using sand instead, minimal salt areas, and designated roads where no salt can be used at all. Dwight made a motion to adopt the draft with the above change to the forestry section and items still to be amended, Jeff second. The following suggestions were made – we need to research the salt wording used by other towns, possibility of using general wording such as “by reduction or alternative”, and splitting the wording into two lines – reduction and none. Motion passed, including Sue's absentee yes vote in writing received prior to the meeting. Dwight made a motion to adopt the CSBA to go along with these ordinances because the Town would then have the authority to enforce, Shirley second, passed. Dwight made a motion that Shirley should be our representative and meet with the Town manager, Selectman, and Planning Board, seconded by Jeff, passed.

Graham Road violation – see August and September minutes regarding the violations and how DES has handled it. DES has virtually ignored the violation as they have more serious violations to address. In effect the CSBA was not enforced in this case nor does DES intend to do so. Should we send a letter of complaint to the DES and/or the Governor? Dwight will work with Sue to present a letter at the next meeting.

Correspondence: DES to Richard and Barbara Dow, Map#37, Lot#30-1, Shoreland Impact Permit/////DES to NH Dept of Transportation, Route 4-A and Main St., Wetlands and non-specific Permit/////DES to Kairo Shen, Map#27, Lot#9, Shoreland Impact Permit/////DES to Wayne and Carol Smith, Map#49, Lot#2, Shoreland Impact Permit/////DES to Jack and Debra Cronenwett, Map#31, Lot56-A/////DES to Enfield Public Works, Mascoma River, Shoreland Impact Permit/////DES to Christine Lary, Map#6, Lot#19, Restoration Plan Approval/////DES to Paul and Melody Cavicchi, Restoration Plan Approval

Intent to Cut: T. Dessert, Map#33-003///// J.H. Theis, Map#5 Lot#4

Upcoming Events: Alan Strickland will be absent during the November meeting due to medical reasons.

ADJOURN at 8:42. A motion was made by Dwight to adjourn, seconded by Jeff, passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary