

Enfield Conservation Meeting

November 4, 2010

Attending: Members - Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Dwight Marchetti, and Jeff Wells. Also attending: Steve Schneider and Jeanine King

Shirley called the meeting to order at 7 :00 pm.

October minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Dwight, second by Sue, and passed. Changes - change CSBA to CSPA and the proposed watershed ordinance needs to be ready to be put on the warrant by the Planning Board between Nov 8th and Dec 8th.

Old Business and Updates:

Proposed watershed protection ordinance – The proposed ordinances went before the Selectman and they are considering it. It is on the Planning Board agenda for their Nov 10th meeting. The Selectman offered good comments and had concerns about the definition of wetlands. They would like it the same as the zoning board's definition and have the same boundaries as defined by the Town. Members were asked to come to the Nov 10th, 7pm Planning Board meeting to show support. Someone will be attending from UNH.

Sue's letter to DES – Graham property violation – It was recommended by Steve to send the letter to Commissioner Burack and copy Counselor Burton. Steve also suggested reminding DES that we have State resources that we are concerned about, provide the name of the lake – Spectacle Pond, and include a map. There are many other violations that the Town has observed that the DES did nothing about, or they issue permits for things that are not allowed, or issued permits after the fact. Steve suggested we ask them to come to one of our meetings to discuss this violation. Sue will amend the letter and send to the members by e-mail for their approval. It will then be copied onto Town letterhead and the members will be informed when the letter is ready for their signature and where the letter will be so it can be signed by everyone that can. A motion to proceed was made by Dwight to send the letter as drafted and to be amended, to be signed by as many members as possible, seconded by Shirley, and passed.

Old business – Dwight inspected the Hardy property (Mascoma River landing) in Oct. It is in good condition; the water level is higher but there is still no indication of any use.

Citizen's Forum: none

Correspondence: Each member received a packet of correspondence. Included was a letter from the DES to the Palazzos, Richard & Barbara Dow's permit for a modular home which is near to the camp they had a permit to build on the Mascoma River that was later turned it into a permanent residence. The Hambleton's are replacing an existing awning and roof.

Intent to cut: Jeff asked where the property is on the Grafton Pond road. Map 14, lot 42. No map was available.

New Business:

New alternate member – Sue asked Becky and she will review prior meeting minutes before making a decision to be an alternate. Dwight suggested Jeanine King – Director of the Town Recreation Center - in order to get someone involved with us with a recreational background since this is related to some of what we do. Once we have chosen the alternate(s) we make a recommendation to the Selectman and they approve. We can have up to 7 alternates.

Other new business:

Dwight inquired about preparing a letter for the Town's annual report to highlight our activities. Alan usually writes this but it would be nice to have input from every member. Dwight will put his thoughts together before he leaves for the winter. The report must be in by late January, early February.

The Eastman Foundation is looking for more feedback on the mailing that went out and about the status of the watershed ordinances.

Next year is the Town's 250 year anniversary. It will be a 3 day event – Sat. July 2 – Mon. July 4. Steve suggested that we create an exhibit of what the commission has done since it was formed. This would be on display for the event and after. The theme could be historical conservation as the basis for conserving for the next 250 years. We could also create a parade float - preserving and conserving. On March 6, 1973 the Town established the ECC with 5 members and a year later, increased to 7 members.

Teleconferencing future meeting for those absent – the absent member must have the same information as the members here have to be considered “here”. The Town has the technology to do this. Meetings could be held here or at Whitney Hall.

Rails for Trails through Enfield – Dwight reported that work is being done - hard pack filling in holes, removing old rail ties that are sticking up, widening certain sections, clearing/digging ditches, and there are plans for doing more.

40th Annual NH Association of Conservation Commissions event is this Saturday. We should keep them updated about our members.

A motion to adjourn was by Dwight second by Joan, and passed. 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Wells, secretary