

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes
2 December 10

Approved

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman; Joan Fishman, Sue Hagerman, Shirley Green, Jeff Wells; Steve Schneider, Town Manger

Absent: Dwight Marchetti, Gary Gaudette

Alan Strickland called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Hagerman volunteered to take minutes in the absence of a recorder. Schneider agreed to pursue a paid recorder for subsequent meetings.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Fishman and seconded by Green to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Rt. 4A Fish & Game sign: complaint of sign sinking was received by Strickland, who called Fish & Game. Sign is now gone.

Planning Board minutes reviewed by Green regarding the Watershed Protection proposal. Board fielded questions and concerns to be considered by the ECC. Spring Town Meeting is likely too soon to be on the warrant. We would need a public hearing(s), and a good presentation, plus good coordination with the Planning Board. We need to do more public education about the matter, and compare our proposal with other lake communities. The Board also raised inconsistencies and areas lacking clarity.

In re: the proposed watershed ordinance, Strickland distributed stream guidelines to cover three types of waterways. Discussion ensued re: need for different kinds of riparian buffer areas, which Green will take back for discussion with the watershed study group. Recommendation was made for the study group to meet with other foresters, farmers, etc., to get broad input.

The next step is to work with the Planning Board on the proposal, and to bring it back to the Planning Board for consideration. Schneider suggested that the group reach out to other communities with protection acts to address how large their watersheds are. As currently proposed, ours covers a large proportion of the town. He also suggested we investigate the impact on other towns' property values of their watershed protection ordinances.

Eastman Charitable Foundation: no one has heard from members of the Enfield community re: our pamphlet. The feeling is that no news may be good news.

Letter concerning lack of DES follow through on complaints was reviewed and signed.

Permits to Cut were reviewed without discussion.

Alternates to the ECC were discussed. Fishman will be out for the months of February, March, and April. Need for alternates is pressing.

Draft of the ECC report to the town was reviewed for completeness of our activities.

250th celebration is open to input for activities or presentations by the ECC, including participation in a semi-permanent display.

Upper Valley Trails Alliance dues: Hagerman made a motion to pay the dues for the year; Fishman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Schneider reported that the trailhead sign for the Bicknell Brook Trail has been approved by the selectboard.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fishman and seconded by Green. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10pm.