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**Shaker Motel Property Update
Conservation Commission and Shaker Village Sailing Club
Terms of Agreement**

This lot #46, Map 32, owned at present by the State of NH, is to be managed by the town of Enfield in the time period before the replacement of the Shaker Bridge and the construction of the rail trail underpass. The Shaker Village Sailing Club has requested from the conservation commission and selectmen to use on a non-exclusive basis a portion of site until such time of construction. After completion of the bridge and underpass, the entire property will be reassess to meet the town's recreational needs.

Both the Enfield Conservation Commission and the Shaker Village Sailing Club are in agreement on the following:

1. Location of the 6ft. wide opening in the retaining wall to access Mascoma Lake with their lasers. Sailing Club will dig by hand a slope to facilitate access to the beach. This access shall serve the general public to put into the lake small boating craft such as canoes and kayaks. Located here will be a sign warning against the spread of milfoil.
2. Location of the club's on site storage fence, a structure measuring 20ft. x 50ft., and is to be located at the far end of the grass field, butting against the tree line, the opening facing an easterly direction toward the Shaker Bridge.
3. One or two picnic tables will be placed on the grass field overlooking the lake.
4. Parking will be perpendicular to the rail trail, and will accommodate up to 20 vehicles.
5. Trash barrel will be located near main road, behind telephone pole. Port-a-potty location is tentatively planned to be located near a large diameter white pine tree against the rail trail on the northeasterly corner of the field.
6. Defining parking area and restricting vehicles approaching the lake will be accomplished by post in the ground with rope strung between them. This same design will be used to block off "upper driveway" into the property so that there is only one entrance and exit.

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Other items to consider
Recommendations by the Enfield Conservation Commission

Retaining wall: The Enfield Conservation Commission recommends that the town either replace the retaining wall or remove the railroad ties and re-slope the terrace, planting it with native shrubs. A new wall or slope would not be affected by construction equipment when the state uses the site. The current state of the wall is unacceptable, could be a liability, and could lead to erosion and sediment into the lake as the terrace disintegrates.

Steps: The old steps should be removed. The current state is a definite liability. There is a question in the state of NH regulations of whether once the steps are removed if they could be replace at some future date. Replacement might be necessary to keep this option in place for future town beach.

Trail: The flagged trail at the end of the grass field should be constructed to the rail trail immediately (a project of a two hours). It just makes sense if there is public parking, picnic tables, views of the lake, there should be access to the rail trail which borders the site. Otherwise, people will scrambled up the steep slope to the rail trail, leading to erosion of the bank. The proposed trail takes advantage of a gentle slope to gain access.

Entrance: Will be defined by safety and line of sight to underpass. This will probably be on the lower side of the telephone pole. Exit should be by the same means, in other words, **No Circle**.

Parking: Although the parking site is agreed on by all parties, its designation remains a problem. How to define the parking area and have people park there? Proposal is to have 4-5 signs dispersed along the rail trail attached to a metal post which reads, **PARKING**. To further distinguish the parking from the field, and to prohibit driving to the lake's edge, posts at a distance of 10ft or so with a heavy, nautical rope strung between them would commence at the entrance and continue toward the storage fence.

Signage: should include 9 signs, (4) indicating parking against rail trail, (1) name of park at entrance, (1) rules and regulations in middle of 4 parking signs, (2) indicating trail to and from rail trail, and (1) at motor boat launch site indicating location of small craft unloading. For the “official” entrance sign, it is recommended to use the image on the “Welcome to Enfield” signs, and that the sign read on its first line, **Town of Enfield.**

Nomenclature: In process of searching for an appropriate name for the park. Sailing club will research names of historic “ships” that have traversed the lake.

Generic names include: West End Park, South Shore Beach or Park (the current beach is on the north shore), and Main Street Park.

Rules and Regulations Sign:

Canoe, kayak, and small water craft loading/unloading area.

Hikers, bikers please use path to access rail trail.

Hours of operation (should be consistent with the Towns’ other parks.)

No campfires

No swimming or swim at own risk

4/7/08

To: Steve Schneider, Enfield Town Manager
From: Alan Strickland, Chairman of Enfield Conservation Commission
RE: Motel property

Steve,

I am attaching this e-mail sent to me by Kate McMullan on her research into the laws and regulations of New Hampshire. Perhaps we would want to schedule a meeting with DES regarding options on retaining wall and stairs.

Alan Strickland

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PART I

Terms of agreement
Shaker Village Sailing Club & Enfield Conservation Commission

PART II

Recommendations by the Enfield Conservation Commission

Time line history with the motel property

9/19/07 Site visit with conservation members

10/4/07 Conservation meeting discussion, (management use & ideas presented to town manager)

12/6/07 Shaker Village Sailing Club presentation at ECC meeting

4/1/08 Site visit with conservation members, sailing club members, and town manager

4/3/08 Shaker Village Sailing Club, Terms of Agreement finalized with sailing club members present at ECC meeting

4/4/08 Summary report, Part I and Part II submitted to Town Manager and Selectmen by conservation chairman, Alan Strickland