

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes
August 7, 2008

APPROVED

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman, Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Dwight Marchetti, Steve Schneider (Town Manager)

Absent: Gary Gaudette, Fred Paradis, Jeff Wells, Don Crate (Selectboard member)

Guests: Bill Warren, Scott Hazelton (Pathways Consulting), Henry Cross, Ed Rippe

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Alan Strickland.

Approval of Minutes:

Alan Strickland mentioned that Kurt Gotthard had contacted him increasing the time estimate for Betsy Childs to do the map layout project. Joan Fishman confirmed that Kurt gave an estimate of 3-4 hours at the June meeting. A motion was made by Sue Hagerman and seconded by Dwight Marchetti to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting as distributed.

Presentations:

1. Bill Warren – Expedited Dredge & Fill for Map 15 Lot 77 – Shaker Hill Rd
7 lot subdivision off the corner of Shaker Hill and Lockhaven Roads. Permit is for a 30” culvert with stones so the culvert will silt itself in and be hospitable to wildlife. The application is for a minimal impact wetlands approval. This is OK with ECC.
2. Scott Hazelton (Pathways Consulting) for Graham Retaining Wall Permit
Application is for a Standard Dredge and Fill on Spectacle Pond. This was an informational presentation since the ECC no longer has to sign standard dredge and fill permits. The plan is to replace a failing wood tie wall with a segmental block wall made of precast material.
3. Ed Rippe – 54 Hawley Drive – Run off into Crystal Lake from Boys Camp Rd
The runoff from Boys Camp Road is depositing sand and silt. Steve Schneider said Town maintenance and use of the road is causing it. He said there are several hundred acres of watershed with run off in the rains. Sue Hagerman suggested walking up streams to determine the watershed for each. The plan is to walk from the Rippe’s property on Friday, August 15th. Ed Rippe will get permission from landowners to cross their land. Alan Strickland will post the meeting and the ECC will meet at the Rippe’s at 10am on Friday, August 15th.
4. Henry Cross – Hawley Drive

Henry Cross stated that he was told by DES that if one knows where the stream comes from one can dig pools with hand tools to slow the flow. Henry wondered what size the pool needed to be and ways to manage the runoff.

Correspondence:

1. Ian Gagnon received State and Federal (Army Corp of Engineers) approval for his project to build a boardwalk on the Bicknell Brook Trail. Alan said that project has been completed and looks great.
2. Michelle Jones – Landing Road behind Dana Robes. Ms Jones questioned if the construction of the Kelleher house is causing stream erosion. Alan spoke with Jim Taylor who said the project is in compliance.
3. Shaker Bridge Landing Site - David Beaufait reported that a member of the Sailing Club sprayed the poison ivy along Route 4A near where Sailing Club boats are moored. Dr. Beaufait said it would not happen again. At the end of the boating season the Sailing Club will meet with the ECC and Select Board to review this season. It was also reported that illegal cutting has taken place along the rail trail by residents on Main Street. Steve Schneider said the Town is writing a letter to the resident.
4. Intent to Cuts – Not reviewed since most are old and logging.

Old Business:

1. Brown Property – In September 2005 the ECC gave a \$2500 donation for the Brown Property to be put into a conservation easement with the stipulation that there be public access from the Mascoma River. The property has been sold to John Powers. He purchased the property knowing the stipulation. Now he does not want public access at the current site. Mr. Powers suggested an alternative site. Alan Strickland distributed a map showing both sites. He thinks the new proposed site is acceptable. Sue Hagerman proposed that the ECC look at both sites and have Mr. Powers and the Upper Valley Land Trust at the meeting. The ECC will setup a date and time for this at the September 4th ECC meeting.

New Business:

1. Dwight Marchetti suggested that the ECC participate in the Adopt a Highway program. The section of Route 4A from Rick Bean's to the Grafton line is available. The program requires the road to be picked up three times a year. Someone said that this idea has come up in the past and Fred Paradis was opposed because people do not show up.

2. Dwight Marchetti wants to be sure we do everything legally. He said that there is a New Hampshire House bill that emails communications are included under the right to know law.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hagerman and seconded by Dwight Marchetti. The meeting was adjourned at 835 pm.