

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes  
September 4, 2008

**APPROVED**

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman, Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Dwight Marchetti, Fred Paradis, Jeff Wells, Steve Schneider (Town Manager)

Absent: Sue Hagerman, Don Crate (Selectboard member)

Guests: Jane Rippe, Bill Morgan, Cindy Johnson, Greg Baker, Glenn Green, Donald Rathburn, Tim Sample

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

Approval of Minutes:

Alan Strickland had one small correction to the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by Dwight Marchetti and seconded by Alan Strickland to approve the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as corrected.

Shirley Green moved and Alan Strickland seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> site visit to view the silt in Crystal Lake as distributed.

Presentations:

1. Bill Morgan – Smith Pond Dam Repair  
Bill Morgan has been meeting with various agencies regarding repair of the Smith Pond Dam. The dam is on the State of New Hampshire list for a high hazard to breach, but there are no State funds for repair. The landowners are putting up the money to repair the dam. The plan is to put a new concrete face on the dam, excavate the trees growing in the dam, dig out and repair the earthen dykes. None of this will affect the nearby wetlands. Once the dam is repaired, the Town will own and maintain it. The landowners have an application to the NH Division of Historical Resources and a wetlands permit. They are trying to do an expedited DES permit so the work can be done this fall when the water level is lower and no loons are nesting. Ray Burton is helping to push this thru.  
A motion was made by Gary Gaudette and seconded by Dwight Marchetti to authorize Alan Strickland to sign off on the application for the ECC as soon as it is received. The motion passed.
2. Donald Rathburn – Permit by Notification to repair retaining wall at 89 Route 4A.  
The ECC signed off on the permit.

Correspondence:

1. Bicknell Brook Trail - Ian Gagnon sent a letter saying the project is complete and that 250 hours of volunteer time was used on the project. He included a picture of the walkway and it looks great.
2. Collette Trail was cleared of blow down in late August.
3. Intent to Cuts – Jones Hill Road Map 15, Lots 40 & 43A

Old Business:

1. Brown Property – Dwight Marchetti and Fred Paradis visited the current and alternate landing sites along the Mascoma River. The current site does not appear to be used much. The site has a picnic table and fire ring that belong to the current landowner (Mike Powers). Dwight spoke with the UVLT and requested that Mr. Powers attend our meeting. Dwight had concerns about the alternate landing site because there is a huge maple tree leaning over the river which will eventually fall into the river. Dwight felt the landing site should not be moved unless there is more use or abuse. There is no sign marking the public landing site. There is a small UVLT sign. Steve Schneider will speak to Peter Helm at the UVLT about the ECC desire for a sign.
2. The ECC will invite the Sailing Club to the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to review this summer.

New Business:

1. Wood Stoves and Air Quality – Alan Strickland is concerned that people know what they can do to burn cleanly. Steve Schneider suggested putting tips in the Town Calendar for the month of October.
2. There is a culvert on Grafton Pond Road and Kingsman Highway that is plugged by limbs. Steve Schneider will mention this to Ken Daniels.
3. During the logging on Shaker Mountain a sign were removed and needs to be replaced. Gary Gaudette and Alan Strickland will reinstall the sign.
4. Dwight Marchetti reported he noticed a bridge to the island at the Cavelette Campground. Dwight will check with Jim Taylor to see if this is a prime wetland and if action needs to be taken.
5. Adopt a Highway – There is a private citizen interested in adopting the portion of Route 4A that Dwight Marchetti wanted the ECC to adopt. Steve Schneider will pass the information on to the citizen.
6. Dwight Marchetti and Shirley Green will meet with Steve Schneider to discuss the Crystal Lake silt and what can be done to prevent and improve the situation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Fishman and seconded by Shirley Green. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.