

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes
October 2, 2008

APPROVED

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman, Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Dwight Marchetti, Fred Paradis, Jeff Wells

Absent: Don Crate (Select Board member)

Guests: Henry Cross, Glyn Green, Joe Gaspariky, Phil MacVicar, Dave Beaufait, Kate McMullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Alan Strickland.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dwight Marchetti and seconded by Sue Hagerman to approve the minutes of the September 4th meeting as amended.

Minutes for Hire

A motion was made by Dwight Marchetti and seconded by Fred Paradis to hire someone to take minutes. Bethanne Rivard takes minutes for several other committees. Alan Strickland has been unable to reach her. Dwight will contact her and ask her to get in touch with Alan.

Presentation – Sailing Club/Shaker Bridge Landing

Dave Beaufait reviewed the Sailing Club's use of Shaker Bridge Landing. From the club's perspective it went well. Both the Sailing Club and the Town mowed the area. The site was used by kayakers as well as the Sailing Club. The Sailing Club surveyed for milfoil with the assistance of the Mascoma Lake Association. The Sailing Club would like to keep the enclosure on the site for the winter. They will discuss this with the Selectmen when they meet with them on November 3rd. Dwight Marchetti suggested that the Sailing Club talk to the Town about a tax exemption for the enclosure. The Sailing Club would like to see another picnic table and some benches. The Conservation Commission felt it was a successful venture and would like to see it continue. Alan Strickland will write a letter of support to the Selectman.

Correspondence/Updates:

1. Colette Trail – A large number of people under the leadership of Gunini Frankenstein and Andy Tuthill replaced the bridge over Bicknell Brook.
2. Laramie Farms Subdivision – Upper Valley Trails Association asked Alan to go with the Laramie Farms developer to look at trails on the property. Alan felt there

was nothing of interest to the Town unless a connection to the Town of Hanover trails could be established.

3. Alan Stickland replaced the sign for the Shaker Canals on Shaker Mountain.
4. Shaker Museum Sustainability Conference – Alan attended the conference. The Enfield Shaker Museum would eventually like to have the property be self sustaining and preserve the dams and stone infrastructure on the property.
5. Smith Pond Dam – Alan made a visit. The work is still in progress. Alan had two areas of concern.
 - a. Road near dam has a steep grade. Currently it is not eroding, but probably would in a heavy rain. Additional hay bales or silt fence is needed on lower part of the new road.
 - b. Where equipment was brought, the road/path is graded down. There are no hay bales or silt fence to prevent erosion.

Alan called Greg Baker, property owner. Dr. Baker said he would deal with it. After the work is completed, Alan wondered what the relationship to the Town would be for recreational purposes.

6. DES letters
 - a. Several approvals were received
 - b. Bill Warren – Culvert application Wetlands Bureau wants more information
 - c. A complaint about a shed on 4A was received. DES notified the landowner.
 - d.

Old Business:

1. Town Calendar – Alan wrote up tips for wood burning which will be in the calendar.
2. Crystal Lake Road Drainage – Dwight Marchetti and Shirley Green met with Steve Schneider. The meeting was productive and they came up with the following action items for the Town:
 1. Develop road drainage design for Lockehaven/Boys Camp intersection
 2. Identify appropriate areas for catch/retention basins
 3. Identify areas for rain gardens
 4. Install silt/salt fences along Town roads where appropriate
 5. Sweep roads in spring
 6. Work with the state on establishing Low-Salt areas on lake side roads
 7. Develop anti-icing alternatives
 8. Add run-off educational piece to the Town calendar
 9. Develop hands-on on-site demonstrations of best practices for residents
 10. Engineer solutions that limits the amount of sand that enters into road side water bodies

Dwight and Shirley are to report back to the Rippes about the meeting.

New Business:

1. Rail Trail – Dwight Marchetti was in contact with Dick Mackay of the Rails to Trails group. Lebanon is mowing brush on their section with a tiger mower so that the overhanging brush can be mowed. Enfield does not have this equipment. A motion was made by Dwight Marchetti and seconded by Sue Hagerman to donate \$350 to the Rail Trail group to cut brush on the Enfield section of the Rail Trail in 2009. The motion passed. Dwight will remind the ECC in the Spring to cut the check.
2. Bridge on Cavalieri Property – Dwight Marchetti saw a bridge across the property to the island. He contacted Jim Taylor about the legality of the bridge and if it is in prime wetlands. The ECC raised the issue about the island when the campground was approved. Sue Hagerman moved and Shirley Green seconded a motion that the ECC consult with Jim Taylor to revisit the permits for the campsite and review the bridge on the Cavalieri property and report back to the ECC. The motion passed.

Citizen Forum

Henry Cross reported about a meeting on the Ibey Road drainage issue. After 2.5 years, the permit was accepted by DES. A copy also goes to the Army Corp of Engineers who declined the permit. The situation is still unresolved. Henry is concerned.

Shirley Green suggested that we investigate the ability to do a teleconference so that Dwight Marchetti can still participate in ECC meetings while he is in Florida for the winter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dwight Marchetti and seconded by Alan Strickland. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.