

Minutes – Enfield Conservation Commission
Thursday, June 7, 2007

APPROVED

ECC Members Present:

Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette (arrived late), Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Alan Strickland

ECC Member Absent: Fred Paradis, Don Crate – Selectboard member

Town Staff Present:

Ken Daniels, DPW Director
Steven Schneider, Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 704pm by Alan Strickland, Acting Chair.

Minutes of the May 3, 2007 were reviewed and approved with correction of one typographical error.

1. Bicknell Brook Trail Cleanup – Shirley Green and Alan Strickland cleared brush from the trail on Monday, May 7. Steven Schneider, Town Manager, reported that Don Crate reported at the Selectboard meeting that the trash dumped at the trailhead was removed and the chain replaced during the week of May 7. Ken Daniels, DPW Director, reported that his staff removed another illegal dump that included large cartons that had shipping labels to Cardigan Mountain School and tires. A sign stating that illegal dumping will result in a \$2000 fine has now been posted. Sue Hagerman reported that a similar sign on the Boys Camp Road side of the Colette Trail is missing. DPW will replace it. Sue Hagerman agreed to call Cardigan Mountain School to inform them of the illegal dumping of materials with their name.
2. Bicknell Brook Conservation Easement/Upper Valley Land Trust Update – Steve Schneider received a call from Jay Waltner of the Upper Valley Land Trust asking if Kurt Gotthard could perform the annual check of the Bicknell Brook Property for the Land Trust to be sure all of the land trust requirements are being met. Both the Town and the Commission are comfortable with this.
3. Cole Pond Trail – Alan Strickland cleared brush from the Cole Pond Trail.
4. UNH Survey for Outdoor Recreation – Shirley Green reported that it is a State wide survey on recreation management from UNH. They are asking 400 recreation departments and conservation commissions to respond. Shirley will complete the survey.
5. DES Changes to NH Natural Heritage Environment Bureau Review Process – Joan Fishman looked at the website and printed information available without signing up. Alan Strickland will review.
6. Stump Dump – Steve Schneider and Ken Daniels reported on the need to move the stump dump from the Fish and Game property off Bog Road. Fish and Game

has said that a stump dump no longer fits their mission and are cancelling Enfield's lease when it ends on June 30, 2007. It is felt that Stump Dump is a misleading name since what residents bring is mainly brush from yard and blow down cleanups and leaves. Stumps are only about 5% of what is brought to the stump dump. The materials are either chipped into mulch or composted. The Stump Dump is currently open Saturday from 10am – 2pm and Tuesday from 5 – 8 pm. The Town has discussed three alternative sites:

- a. DPW Site on Lockhaven Road
- b. 5 Acre parcel on the Bicknell Brook Property
- c. Old pit on the Bicknell Brook Property

Steve Schneider spoke with Jay Waltner of the UV Land Trust to determine if use of the old pit is permissible within the easement. The intent could be to have 3 pods – one of compost, one of brush less than 5 inches and one for items greater than 5 inches. When a significant amount accumulated it would be ground into mulch. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of each site.

- a. DPW Site –
Pros – sufficient room and consistent with Town plan to consolidate all DPW operations on one site
Cons – interaction of residents with current DPW operations, stump storage on upper part of site would require transfer of stumps, DES permit issues
- b. 5 Acre parcel –
Cons – potential view lot that Town could sell, site not appropriate for composting so would only be for fill, potential for illegally dumping
- c. Old pit –
Pros – existing area that is cleared and known to residents. If done properly could be an education center.
Cons – Town just spent time conserving. Although a stump dump is not necessarily inconsistent with UV Land Trust mission, it could be if done correctly.

Ken Daniels proposed that all stumps and brush be ground annually or biannually into mulch or compost. Joan Fishman suggested it be called something other than stump dump that better reflects that it is a yard waste recycling center. Alan Strickland suggested a 20 year limit, then the site be reclaimed into a park and that the current trailhead parking lot be maintained. Steve and Ken will put together a written proposal and send it out to the Commission for review prior to the July 5th meeting.

7. Mail –
 - a. Northern Rail Trail meeting on June 19th in Wilmot.
 - b. Intent to Cuts –
Jones Hill Road – 100 trees to be cut and chipped
Choate Road – 5 BF of pine to be cut
 - c. DES correspondence –
Schulson Trust – application for repair of retaining wall disqualified.
Standard dredge and fill permit needed.

8. Kurt Gotthard asked Alan Strickland to look at the seep in the area of the new driveway he is building. Alan agreed that no wetlands are involved.
9. Suki Marsh Trail off Shaker Hill Road – This trail is approximately 1 mile long. It has a small loop on private property. The property where the loop exists is being sold. Alan will check into this and report back to the Commission at the July meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Green and seconded by Sue Hagerman. The meeting was adjourned at 825pm.