

Minutes – Enfield Conservation Commission  
Thursday, July 5, 2007

APPROVED

ECC Members Present:

Joan Fishman, Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Fred Paradis, Alan Strickland, Leigh Davis  
(alternate)

ECC Members Absent:

Gary Gaudette, Don Crate – Selectboard member

Town Staff Present:

Steven Schneider, Town Manager

Guest:

Jay Waldner, Upper Valley Land Trust

The meeting was called to order at 703pm by Alan Strickland, Chair.

Minutes of the June 7, 2007 were reviewed. A motion was made by Sue Hagerman and seconded by Shirley Green to approve the minutes with the correction of one typographical error.

Old Business:

1. Sue Hagerman spoke to Tim Jennings at the Cardigan Mountain School regarding the boxes found at the Bicknell Brook site. Tim did not think members of the school faculty were responsible. Tim will inform the food service that it is illegal dump at any time at the Bicknell Brook site.
2. Shirley Green completed the UNH Outdoor Recreation Survey and returned it to UNH.
3. Alan Strickland spoke with Mary Lou Bryant about the Suki Marsh Trail. Ms Bryant has sold the property and provided Alan with contact information for the new owners. Alan will contact them about continued trail access.
4. NH Natural Heritage Environment Bureau Review Process – Alan Strickland contacted them. As of June 1, 2007 applicants for Dreg and Fill permits, must send the NH Natural Heritage Environment Bureau \$25 for a review to insure that the project has no impact on endangered species.

New Business:

1. Stump Dump

Jay Waldner of the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) spoke with the Conservation Commission regarding the proposal to put the stump dump at the Bicknell Brook site and potential impact on the conservation easement with the UVLT. Since the original proposal for this, several things have changed. The UVLT has a new Vice President of Stewardship and there are new members of the UVLT board. On June 30, 2007 the UVLT attended a meeting in Concord on conservation easements in the State of New Hampshire. The State Attorney General's office now plans to perform closer scrutiny of conservation easements and charitable trusts. The UVLT is not sure how a stump dump on the Bicknell Brook site would now be viewed by the State. The UVLT is trying to get answers. Jay Waldner stated that the Bicknell Brook easement is not the same as the standard easement for public entities since ours does not have a management plan. He felt that there may be a need to amend the Bicknell Brook conservation easement for the stump dump if it is going to be on the conserved land. In order to amend the easement, the UVLT would need a written request from the Town of Enfield, there would need to be a stewardship vote and an UVLT vote. Currently this issue is just at the staff level of the UVLT. Jay will do what he can to facilitate these issues. Jay is going to arrange a meeting with Steve Schneider, Enfield Town Manager, Vice President of the UVLT and any members of the ECC who wish to attend to see what the process needs to occur and figure out the next steps.

The ECC agreed to move forward with the possible use of the Bicknell Brook property as a compost site because they were under the assumption that the Upper Valley Land Trust was comfortable with this use in accordance with the conservation easement on the property as we thought this was indicated by previous meetings.

#### Correspondence:

1. Alan Strickland has been in contact with Carol Lea Higbee and Everet Poitras regarding replacing the log bridge on the Bicknell Brook trail. The current bridge is decaying. It was built on the Bicknell Brook property, but the location is not ideal. A better crossing would be on the Higbee and Poitras properties. They have agreed. Alan Strickland will write a letter to them to thank them and formalize the agreement.
2. Mickey Dowd of Mickey's Roadside Café lot #32, map 37 has received approval from DES to stabilize the bank on his property.
3. Conkey Gravel Pit has received approval from DES to continue their operation.

#### Other Business:

1. Fred Paradis raised several issues to Steve Schneider
  - a. Boat Launch at Spectacle Pond has not been mowed and there is no trash barrel. Steve will follow up.

- b. Cars have been dripping oil at the boat Launch at Mascoma Lake. Steve will follow up.
  - c. Boats are using the area by the old motel site at Mascoma Lake for docking. This property is now owned by the State of New Hampshire. Steve is aware of this issue and has spoken to the State.
2. Steve Schneider distributed the Town of Enfield property inventory. Properties acquired by the Town due to non payment of taxes and labeled 1 will be available for purchase by bid this Fall. This includes 2 mobile homes that are currently occupied.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Hagerman and seconded by Joan Fishman. The meeting was adjourned at 822pm.