

APPROVED

Minutes from Stump Dump meeting

Present: Alan Strickland, Shirley Green. Enfield Conservation Commission

Jay Waldner, Jeannie McIntyre, UVLT

Brian Lemere, Forester for NH Fish & Game

Steve Schidner, Town Manger of Enfield

Date: July 13, 2007

Time: 7:30 AM – 10:00PM

First looked at facility on State Property on the Bog Rd, then the proposed facility on conserved land on Grafton Pond Road. Jeannie asked the question why the Fish & Game thought the use of a stump dump on their land no longer met the management objectives for them, but would be suitable for the UVLT on conserved land. There had been some discussion within Fish & Game about the habitat for snapping turtles and egg laying, but Brian Lemere did not think this was too much of a valid point, as half of the pit/logging area on the Bog Rd. has been reclaimed.

Drove to the Bicknell Brook Trail Parking Area and walked into the pit. The UVLT, as well as Alan Strickland and Brian Lemere felt that the pit is well into recovery on its own, and needs no further outside help to reclaim it. All that remains is how to shape its future, whether to keep it as a field, park or forest.

According to Steve, the town would use only the top portion of the pit for a composting facility. After much discussion, the UVLT will have to set new parameters for such a facility before presenting to their board of directors, who question why the UVLT would want the job of overseeing the compliance of this facility. Much of the success or failure of this project will have to do with how this proposal will be presented. The town and UVLT will have sit down and hammer out a lot of the questions in order that a proposal be made to the board of trustees. Some issues in question are stumps going directly to Hammond's, a bond or capital reserve fund to insure compliance, removing excess material generated during grinding and chipping, and a management plan for the lower half of the facility.

The Fish & Game will run a wildlife analysis on the area and will consult the results with UVLT. From here, the UVLT will take this information and use

it in making parameters for the composting facility. There is also the possibility that the Fish & Game will extend the use on its current facility while this area is being studied.

Brian Lemer added that with a facility like this, one has control of this “dumping process”. As he stated, “it all has to go somewhere.”