

Minutes Enfield Conservation Commission  
October 4, 2007

**APPROVED**

Present: Fred Paradis, Alan Strickland, Sue Hagerman, Shirley Green, Steve Schneider

Absent: Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette (arrived late)

7:00: Meeting called to order.

Minutes reviewed: Alan motion, Shirley seconded to accept both sets of corrected minutes (meeting, site review). Unanimous vote aye.

Correspondence:

-DES: Gerlack Map 31, Lot 5A on Mascoma--inspected, and cited for cutting and clearing shoreline. Owner charged with repairing the damage according to Shoreline Protection Act. Alan looked at Schulson Revocable Trust on the lake by kayak and approved it.

-Society for Protection of NH Forest--sale agreement for purchase of land on Spectacle Pond.

-Intents to cut: George Hill 10.4 acres and 12 acres; Jones Hill 4 acres; Serendipity on Lockhaven Road 20 acres.

Old Business:

-Stump Dump--recovered and looks beautiful. Town paid the bill. Town can use the municipal building site as a place to bring yard waste during town business hours (8 - 4).

-Lot 45--old "pit" area is the only place that could be a logging access; Alan added keeping it clear as part of the management plan. In our planning, we will need to keep the possibility of using the pit area as a landing site active.

-Natural resource inventory: Alan called Jim Taylor re: current status of inventory. Jim uses it frequently; maps used for Bicknell Brook presentation came from that. Jim has sent the report to committee members via email attachment tonight.

New Business:

-Culverts and stone work project on Shaker Mt. Logging roads (Fish & Game land): Culverts get clogged with leaves and debris, and water will go over road and take out stone work. Alan just cleared them out again so water can go thru them. On the culvert near the feast ground, last year the water took out a wall. Alan has contacted the Heritage Commission, Shaker Museum, and Fish & Game about renovating the wall jointly with ECC. We can revisit this again.

-Manage plan for Lot 45: Alan went to UVLT to check out a sample management plan and somehow this was a problem with them. Fish & Game wants to help us with this; Alan had called Karen Bordeaux of Fish & Game, but they want us to do a complete inventory. Shirley and Sue will check with contacts at universities and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

-Idea for old Shaker Motel lot to be under town management. Town and State to enter an agreement to manage it until the road project goes through. Fred checked with DOT re: plan for underpass. Suggested Steve call DOT. Alan also called and got copy of plans. Gist is that the road will be pulled in towards the lake about 80 feet from the curve, and will raise Rail Trail up over the road to get sufficient truck clearance. Old underpass will be removed. Bridge across lake will be moved. Projected start date is 2011. They will want the use of the meadow for staging. After the project is completed, the State intends to sell the land, first offering to other State agencies. Then they'd offer to the Town at fair market value, and, if the Town doesn't want it, it will be offered to the public.

Sept 19 we did a site visit and developed a proposal to use the land before the State needs it. (See attached.) Shirley reminded the group about keeping the buffer along the shoreline and modeling best lakeshore practices.

Steve is not clear whether the State intends to share both parcels; perhaps just the motel parcel. He will bring this back to the Selectboard.

-Steve charged the group to recruit applicants for the Commission.

-Steve also suggested that the Commission buy copies of the UNH Cooperative Extension book on Landscaping at the Water's Edge: An Ecological Approach for each member. Shirley will pursue this.

Meeting adjourned: Alan; seconded by Fred. Adjourned at 8:20.