

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes
December 6, 2007

Present: Alan Strickland, Chairman, Joan Fishman, Gary Gaudette, Sue Hagerman, Fred Paradis

Absent: Shirley Green (excused – Budget Committee conflict), Dwight Marchetti, Don Crate (Selectboard member)

Guests: Shaker Village Sailing Club representatives – David Beaufait, Joe Gasparik, Kate McMullan and Bill Fontaine

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Alan Strickland.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Gary Gaudette and seconded by Sue Hagerman to approve the minutes of the November 1st meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Katherine Plumley wrote a letter of concern about wetlands protection and erosion control of the subdivision Barry Dashner is putting in on George Hill Road. Alan Strickland referred her to Jim Taylor who suggested Ms. Plumley contact DES. She has filed a complaint with DES.
2. Cecile Auferio contacted Alan Strickland because she was concerned about clear cutting being done at the intersection of Shaker Hill and Kluge Roads. It is a one-acre house lot. The Town is monitoring the situation and the property owner has said he would install a silt fence.
3. Canaan Conservation Commission – Alan attended one of their meetings as an observer. There has been preliminary discussion about having a joint social meeting and possibly working together on a project at Mud Pond.
4. Alan has been receiving the magazine The Place You Call Home. He suggested that others might want to subscribe. He will copy the information for the Commission.
5. The Board of Selectman has appointed Dwight Marchetti to the Commission. Mr. Marchetti is currently in Florida for the winter and will not attend meetings until he returns in the spring.

Citizens Forum:

David Beaufait was spokesperson for the Shaker Village Sailing Club. He confirmed he was present as a private citizen. The sailing club is a non-profit civic 501C4 group. They had been using the Shaker Beach site at Shaker Village until the property was

subdivided and sold. In 2006 the membership was about 54 families. In 2007 membership was lower due to lack of a site. Approximately 20% of their membership are Enfield residents. They are looking for a site to launch and possibly store sail boats. The club has its own insurance. They are interested in using the old motel site property. The sailing club is willing to coordinate with the Conservation Commission to perform work at the site.

A motion was made by Sue Hagerman and seconded by Gary Gaudette that the Conservation Commission supports Shaker Village Sailing Club access to the old motel site until the new Shaker Bridge is built with the issue of storage to be resolved later. The motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Mosquito Habitat – Alan Strickland found lots of good information at the DPW building. He suggested that next summer we publicize to the community that this information is available.
2. Spectacle Pond – Fred Paradis confirmed that currently there has been no cutting of timber. Eventually there will be.
3. Public Access on Susan Brown Property – Fred Paradis kayaked by the area and confirmed that no public access point currently exists. Alan spoke with Jay Waldner at the Upper Valley Land Trust about the logging taking place. Jay stated that the logging is for an opening for wildlife. Alan asked Fred to come up with a plan for an ECC project to create a public access point. Fred is concerned about high water washing anything the ECC puts in away.
4. Shaker Mountain – The State of New Hampshire and the Enfield Shaker Museum have looked at the site of the damaged culvert and are trying to determine what to do.

New Business:

Alan distributed a list of possible Enfield Conservation Commission projects from Steve Schneider, Town Manager. Commission members are to review prior to the January 3rd meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Fishman and seconded by Sue Hagerman. The meeting adjourned at 829pm