September 2014 Agenda/Minutes Draft Enfield Conservation Commission

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

Absent: Dwight Marchetti, Jeanine King, Gary Gaudette

Call meeting to order: 7:10 (no quorum – no items needing a vote)

Christine Axten: Dock relocation due to moving rock. Will need Conservation approval for expedited application. Lives on Shaker Blvd on Lake – has large rock that is not moveable by hand. Rock has shifted to near dock; DES said they could not move the dock; Dale at DES suggested they have the rock pulled by a contractor just past the dock; Christine brought pictures; they filled out forms for DES; needs signature from ECC; would probably use Steve Patten; Alan signed application.

Permit Applications:

Matt Cardin: Matt is an environmental scientist and is representing TRC for Liberty Utilities. He would like an expedited wetlands impact application signed by the Commission to replace poles in 200 sq. ft. on wetlands near Potato Road. Alan received his application; any issues with him signing? The consensus is that he should attend a meeting to discuss his plans.

Correspondence:

8/29/14 Barbara Garneau: Called to complain about cutting pine trees within the 50 protective zone of the shoreline on Mascoma Lake. Two properties were involved, both on Foster Circle Rd. Strickland viewed the site via kayak and then met with MS Garneau to review the site again. Strickland gave her a complaint form which she mailed on 9/2/14. Strickland also wrote a letter on behalf of the Commission stating that there is room for DES to investigate further. Strickland has called DES twice, but as of 9/3/14 has been unable to make contact.

New Business:

Proposal at Selectmen's meeting 9/15/14 for establishment for public use the Enfield Reservoir. All Conservation members are encouraged to attend to show support. Steve Schneider is going to research any regulations on the road to the reservoir. Discussion of entrance and walking trail. Steve found the deed and there are no restrictions on the right of way. Enfield does not own the right of way.

Canaan Conservation Meeting: September 8th Strickland will attend the Canaan Conservation Commission meeting to inform them what is happening with the Enfield Reservoir and will ask for their support with manual labor.

Deadline for the Conservation Grant is 9/26/14. Steve Schneider will help Commission apply for grant monies to be applied to inventory of Town forest. Schneider and Strickland met on 8/5/14 to begin application process Strickland has finished the required narrative portion of the grant. Letters of support need to be sent out as soon as soon as possible. Discussion of wording required in letters of support. Steve and Alan will coordinate the process. Discussion of groups that can be asked to help.

An offer has been made to videotape the Conservation meetings. Steve said anyone can do this without permission. Discussion.

As Alan walks the Bicknell and Colette trails he is inventorying plants. Discussion of discovery and reporting of illegal plants found.

Conservation website on town website: Alan pointed out a section where notes can be written; he would like to submit some short stories and is suggesting that others might be interested in doing about Enfield related items. He will bring in the stories for the Commission to review.

Old Home Days ECC activities: Discussion of Sunday's activities and the early bad weather. 15 people showed up for hike.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03