

Enfield Conservation Commission Minutes
December 4, 2014
Public Works Facility, Enfield

7:07PM: meeting called to order

Present: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Gary Gaudette, Jeanine King, and Alan Strickland

Review of November minutes:

Gary had sent grammar correction to Shelly earlier. Strickland had two corrections. Page one under Forum for Abutters, the word state is to be deleted as there is no state land involved, and at the top of page two in regards to residents purchasing the land, liability of damn was another factor in why the property could not be sold.

A motion was made by Hagerman to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by King.

November events:

11/17/14: Strickland attended the selectmen's meeting. Town manager Steve Schneider gave a résumé of the November Conservation meeting. Fred Cummings wanted the Canaan police chief, Chief Frank, be informed of the project.

11/19/14: Jim Taylor informed Strickland that he had received the driveway permit from the Town of Canaan.

11/20/14: Strickland met with Steve Schneider to discuss a possible meeting with Chief Crate and Chief Frank

1/21/14: Strickland called Chief Frank. He said he had received several calls already from the Canaan abutters. He then talked with Chief Crate for more details. He said that since the site is in Canaan, it is their responsibility to police. They are the primary for all calls. Since Canaan has a no zoning policy, there is nothing that Canaan can do to interfere with the project. With any type of venture in Canaan, the police would be responsible. Chief Frank did express concerns about the policing of the area, remembering that in past years there were large parties there at night. But recently, with the addition of the locked gate and the new house, he admits that things have been much less raucous, and now he hardly hears of complaints. The Chief was glad to hear that the area would be posted "closed at dark", and said that would give his department some teeth to enforcement. Chief Frank said he would be open to a meeting with Chief Crate, but said he didn't think it would accomplish much as the two have already talked and have an established protocol on to help each other.

11/21/14: Strickland talked with Jim Taylor, DPW director, to see what the Town could do for construction of the parking area. Taylor said that the Town did not have the equipment to do the

project, and he recommended that the Commission hire a private contractor. He said the Town could help in other ways, such as supplying a culvert and possibly some fill in the form of crushed gravel or crushed asphalt or if a place was needed to dump extra residue from the grading, the town could offer that.

11/22/14: Strickland talked with Steve Patton about getting a bid for the project. Steve is too busy until mid-December, but expressed interest in doing the work.

12/1/14: Strickland attended the Selectmen's meeting where he gave an update to Selectmen, informing them of his conversation with Chief Frank of Canaan, and presented them with a draft of the rules and regulations. The selectmen reviewed them and said it was acceptable. They approved the "Swimming at your own risk." A final copy of the rules and regulations will be presented to the selectmen when it is completed. Strickland also sent a copy to Bill Chabot, Canaan Conservation chairmen, Kurt Gotthardt, Steve Schneider, and Chief Crate.

12/4/14: Strickland met with Allan Charbono (Allan Signs) to get an estimate for signage \$400 for 3 signs, 2 with rules and regulations, and one on gate indicating direction to the reservoir. Number of signs was discussed with Town manager.

New Business: Plans for moving forward with Harris Brook Recreation Area
Funding: Balance of money not spent in 2014 Budget: **\$1102.28** as of 10/30/14
Balance of money in Conservation Account: **\$16,805.59**

Discussion centered on the wording of the signage. Member had questions about dogs being on voice command. Some member thought there was no mention in Town laws about voice command, other thought there was. Decided to be consistent with the Town's ordinances on this. Also Green and Hagerman wanted to add the "No dumping of aquariums or abandoning turtles" the reason why, which is to prevent the spread of invasive species. Funding help was also discussed, possibly applying to the Byrne Foundation, Mascoma Bank, Eastman Charitable Foundation, and Hypertherm.

Annual Report: due January 9th. Report will highlight Conservation's work in 2014, and will include the sending of the pamphlet "Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Storm Water Management" to residents on Crystal, Mascoma, and Spectacle Ponds.

Forum for Abutters to address the Harris Brook Recreational Area:

None

Correspondence: DES to Lauri and Robert Maltz for an approved Shoreland Impact Permit, Map#32, Lot5 (Mascoma Lake) to remove existing family structure and replace/////DES to Gordon Bagley for an approved Shoreland Impact Permit, Map#21, Lot#21, Mascoma Lake, to construct a deck on the water side of primary structure/////DES to Elaine Silverman for an approved Shoreland Impact Permit, Map#21, Lot#16, Mascoma Lake, to demolish an existing structure and rebuild plus new septic and

retaining wall/////DES to Christine Axten for an approved Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit for relocating a rock in Mascoma Lake, Map#25, Lot#015

State Conservation Committee to Town of Enfield: \$3000 grant denied. All agreed the Commission should apply again next year.

Intent to Cut: none

7:45PM: Motion to adjourn by Gaudette, seconded by King.

Notice: No meeting in January

Town of Enfield

Welcome to the Harris Brook Recreation Area

This reservoir was created in 1903 and supplied water for Enfield until 1983

Area closed at dark

No Trespassing on private property

Rules and regulations:

Carry in / Carry out: Leave no trace

Dogs must be on leash or on voice command

Dog waste must be picked up and carried out

Swim at own risk

No watercraft shall be stored on town property

No fires

No bathing

No alcohol or smoking

No loud noise

No trapping of any kind

No feeding of wildlife

No disturbance of vegetation or shoreline

No dumping of aquariums or abandoning turtles (preventing spread of invasive species)

Please stay within designated Town trails and property while enjoying and exploring this scenic area