

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting
February 5, 2015
Public Works Facility, Enfield

Present: Alan Strickland, Shirley Green

As there was no quorum, a review of the December minutes was not done. There were no items needing a vote.

December and January events:

12/14/14: Strickland met with Steve Patten at proposed parking area for Harris Brook Recreation Area. Steve will submit a bid latter.

12/30/14: Steve Patten finalized bid.

Scope of work:

Eight (8) space parking area on Maple Street to access old Enfield reservoir **\$4830.25** total cost.

1. 30', 15" diameter culvert supplied with headers
2. Parking area finish bank run gravel only
3. \$4.00 per cubic yard credit for topsoil removed; 134 cubic yards estimated; topsoil will only be removed form area of parking lot and access road (possible \$536 plus or minus top soil credit)

1/9/15: Strickland submitted the Commission's report to the Town.

1/15: Strickland contacted Rob Godfrey, Boys Camp Rd., Enfield, and Richard Remacle Construction, Canaan, for bids for the Harris Brook Parking Area. Still waiting to set dates to visit the site and obtain estimates for these two contractors.

1/23/15: In January 2015, Strickland was invited by Town Planner Scott Osgood to represent the Conservation Commission at the Enfield Charrette held 1/23/15. The Charrette was open to the public and designed to get Town input on two NH state-owned properties along the rail trail near the overpass by Mascoma Lake. Of note, the "wooded" lot may have archeological significance, and thus be restricted and encumbered with regulations in terms of future development, rendering it un-developable or quite limited. One of the experts from the Charrette team stated that to put a walking trail on the "wooded" lot would require going through major bureaucratic hurdles from the State. Strickland contributed the following to the discussion: The fact that the "wooded" parcel is unlikely to be developed has benefits from a conservation point of view particularly since this parcel is kitty-corner to the "Frog Pond" located just to the east of the State's "wooded" lot. In 2013, Pam Hunt from the New Hampshire Audubon Society stated at a Conservation Commission sponsored event that the "Frog Pond" was a very rich bird habitat with many different species of birds. The "Frog Pond", in conjunction with the State's "wooded" lot, if the lot remained undeveloped, enhances connectivity of wildlife habitat.

Old Business: Signage at Harris Brook Recreation Area. Strickland spoke with Sue Hagerman concerning having Wendy Huntley address the Conservation Commission on the proposed signage to get her take on it and help hone in on what is essential.

Budget: Balance of unspent dollars from 2014 budget (\$949.28) were deposited into the Conservation Fund, which is now **\$17,756.33**

Correspondence: DES to Liberty Utilities, Wetlands and non-site specific permit granted for utility poles.

Intent to cut: None

New Business: New Trail around pond at Harris Brook? Old Home Day event?
UVLT Gathering of Conservation Commissions, February 26, 2015, 7:00PM at the Kilton Library in West Lebanon, "Conservation across borders; making connections"

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Gillen
February 6, 2015