

Enfield Conservation Commission  
Public Works Facility, Enfield  
Meeting of November 5, 2015

**Present:** Shirley Green; Jeanine King; Dwight Marchetti; Alan Strickland, Chairman; Jerold Theis; Paula Gillen, Recorder

**Guests:** Faith Corwin, Brian Theis

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Review of October 2015 minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Marchetti to accept the October 2015 minutes as recorded. This was seconded by Ms. Green and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Citizens Forum:** Mr. Strickland invited Harris Brook abutters' feedback on the recreational area now one year later. Faith Corwin provided the following observations:

- A neighbor found beer cans near the path on his property
- A visitor lost their way on the path
- A person's voice and a barking dog were frequently heard from a recurrent visitor and her dog
- There has not been much illegal parking as the parking lot is being used
- Other noted activity included a regular walker, an occasional jogger, and a group of teenagers who visited during the summer
- Recently several common mergansers were seen feeding

In summary, upon specific questioning from Commission members, Ms. Corwin stated the area is not causing her any problems and she is happy with it. Mr. Strickland stated he will place permanent trail markers next year and advised Ms. Corwin there is talk from the State about a possible future need to breach the dam. Ms. Corwin was thanked for attending and providing this valuable feedback. Ms. Corwin asked if the meadow would be mowed and if it were permissible for someone to take a downed tree for firewood. She was advised the meadow generally is mowed annually but to check with the Town Manager regarding the tree as it is on Town property.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Harris Brook Recreational Area:**

Dr. Theis completed installation of the survey box at Harris Brook and provided 50 survey forms. He will collect the forms and tabulate the data. He asked if kayaking is permitted and was told yes. He then asked for clarification on the boat storage policy. Mr. Marchetti stated boat storage is banned near

town-owned water and the Selectmen control these rules and their enforcement, including removal of such illegally stored watercraft. Mr. Strickland stated animals may burrow under stored boats and damage the dam. Signage to the effect that no watercraft may be left on town property was discussed and will be researched by Mr. Strickland.

Mr. Strickland noted a beaver has moved in and caused trail crossing problems, perhaps necessitating building of a bridge. Mr. Marchetti suggested, as it is trapping season, that the Town utilize licensed trappers to remove the beaver. Discussion ensued about the role of the Conservation Commission in wildlife management. Mr. Strickland will speak to the Town manager.

**Correspondence:**

- DES to Daniel & Linda Cavanaugh, Map #21, Lot #36 for more information for Standard Dredge and Fill.
- DES to James Kelleher, Map #10-A, Lot #75 A11 for more information regarding Standard Dredge and Fill.
- DES to Enfield Clerk acknowledging application for work on Hawley Drive.
- DES to Heidi Hauri-Gill, Map #29, Lot #20 (Wescott Road) regarding fill from project on Route 4 Bridge being put into a wet meadow on their property. Total area is 27,000 sq ft. Also, clearing land without an Alteration of Terrain permit over 200,000 sq ft. Also, a stream appears to have been channeled.
- DES to Heidi Hauri-Gill regarding land cleared without permit. Since land is stated for agriculture purpose it is exempt, and DES will no longer pursue further enforcement.
- DES to Heidi Hauri-Gill for the restoration of site where fill was put into the wetland. By December 1, 2015 approximately 31,490 sq ft of wetland shall be restored and monitored in accordance with the Restoration Plan.

**Intent to Cut:**

- Karla Werninghaus, Map #14, Lot #03-2A (Brady Road)
- Eric Lundberg, Map #17, Lot #4 (East Hill Road)
- Linda Spencer Green, Map #2 Lot #32 (Methodist Hill Road)

**New Business:**

**Winter Hike:** Ms. King offered the possibility of organizing a winter hike through the combined efforts of the Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission. Shaker Mountain was suggested as a suitable location. Ms. King will report back to the Recreation Committee and inquire about a possible date and location preference.

Mr. Marchetti suggested providing community service next spring by providing a speaker on the topic of recognizing and identifying edible plants and mushrooms. Ms. Green will contact Henry Homeyer and inquire as to his availability or recommendation for expert speaker on this subject.

Mr. Strickland will attempt to attend the 45th Annual Meeting and Conference of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions on November 7, 2015, at Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, NH.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Marchetti to adjourn. This was seconded by Ms. King and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.