

Enfield Conservation Commission
Public Works Facility, Enfield
Notes from December 3, 2015

Present: Jeanine King; Alan Strickland, Chairman; Jerold Theis; Paula Gillen, Recorder

Excused: Shirley Green

Guests: Alisa Bonnette; Jim Petryk; Jeanie McIntyre

Review of November 2015 minutes: Due to lack of quorum acceptance of minutes was deferred.

New Business:

Conservation Workshop: Chairman Strickland attended a workshop on *Conservation Commissions 101* where he picked up a handbook for conservation commissions as well as the NH Municipal Conservation Fund Guidebook. He also attended a workshop on grant writing and trail building. There were about 300 conservation members at the conference.

Smith Pond Parcel: Jeanie McIntyre of the Upper Valley Land Trust spoke about the recently awarded New Hampshire Wetlands Grant to go toward acquiring a 955-acre parcel on Route 4A containing Smith Pond. This parcel is situated between two properties owned by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, now totaling a combined 5000 acres including the 63-acre pond. It contains Shaker-built canals and dams which supplied the Shaker Village. The 1.5 million dollar purchase price represents a significant charitable gift from the owner and the UVLT is pursuing additional funding to complete the purchase, including an additional pending grant application and public appeal. Due to lack of a quorum the Conservation Commission was unable to vote on providing support to this project.

Lakeview Septic System: Jim Petryk gave a presentation regarding the possible beneficial environmental impact to Lake Mascoma from the proposed connection of Lakeview condominiums to the Enfield municipal sewer system. Mr. Petryk outlined the history of septic system problems at Lakeview dating back since 2002 and noted that failed septic systems are one of major pollutants in the US. Lakeview will pay 100 percent of the costs to connect to the municipal sewer. State funding is potentially also available. Mr. Petryk stated an additional 300 households could eventually have the option to tie into the system. Public vote is required by the DES for approval of this project.

Intent to cut: JH Theis, Map #5, Lot #4 and Map #5, Lot #6-4

Secondary to lack of quorum further discussion was tabled and the meeting was terminated.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7 p.m.