

Enfield Conservation Commission
Public Works Facility, Enfield
Meeting of January 7, 2016

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

Excused: Shirley Green

Guest: Kurt Gotthardt; John Roe, Vice President Programs and Operations, Upper Valley Land Trust

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Review of November 2015 minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Hagerman to accept the November 2015 minutes as written. This was seconded by Ms. King and the motion passed, with Ms. Hagerman abstaining.

Old Business:

Conservation Commission Transfer of Funds:

A motion was made by Ms. Hagerman to officially transfer \$5011.41 from the Conservation Fund for expenses at the Harris Brook Scenic Area. This was seconded by Ms. King and the motion was unanimously approved.

Sewer Extension Project:

A motion was made by Ms. King that the Conservation Commission will support a project to extend the sewer line from Shaker Village to Lakeview. This was seconded by Ms. Hagerman and the motion was unanimously approved.

Upper Valley Land Trust Purchase:

- A motion was made by Ms. King that the Conservation Commission supports in principle the Upper Valley Land Trust's (UVLT) pursuit to purchase 995 acres west of Route 4A. This was seconded by Ms. Hagerman and the motion was unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Ms. Hagerman that, pending legal approval, the Conservation Commission make a contribution in the amount of \$2,000 from the Enfield Conservation Fund to the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) toward acquisition of the said 995 acres west of Route 4A. Ms. King seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Winter Hike:

A winter hike has not been arranged.

Wildlife Talk:

Ms. Green has contacted potential speakers, with Bill Warren possibly presenting a program this spring entitled “Fuel for your Body, Food for the Trail.”

New Business:**Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund:**

Kurt Gotthardt spoke of the history of the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund. These funds can only be used for the purchase of easements and/or land for conservation, recreation or other public purposes. There is some ambiguity to the meaning of this wording. John Roe of the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) interpreted this as not meaning the land needs to be owned by the Town, just that the funds be used for conservation purposes. Mr. Gotthardt stated the Enfield Selectboard feels the Town needs to be the owner of the easement or the land itself, not a third party. Clarification of the Fund guideline wording is necessary and this can be accomplished by obtaining a petition warrant article with 25 signatures. Mr. Gotthardt proposed creating such a warrant article and requested the Conservation Commission's support of this endeavor.

Ms. Hagerman made a motion that the Conservation Commission support construction of a warrant article to reword the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund guidelines to allow donation to a nonprofit conservation land trust for acquisition of land or easement within the town of Enfield. Ms. King seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Gotthardt will proceed with obtaining the signature warrant.

The Conservation Commission supports an expenditure from the Land Acquisition Capital Research Fund to the UVLT for purchase of the 995 acres west of Route 4A.

NH Fish and Game Talk:

Chairman Strickland arranged a talk by Jim Oehler from the NH Fish and Game entitled “Land of Shakers, Land of Wildlife” at the Enfield Community Building at 7 PM, Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Intent to Cut:

Charles Desieyes, Map #13, Lot #35 (Potato Road)

Correspondence:

DES to James Kelleher, Map #10A, Lot #75/A11, notification of repairing existing retaining wall was denied

DES to Mark Yeager, Map #10A, Lot #46 and #47, for notification of missing information (Natural Heritage Bureau letter with map) Shoreline Program Permit Application

DES to David Cavanaugh and Linda Kerrigan, Map #21, Lot #36, for notification of denial for new retaining wall on Mascoma Lake

DES to Ann and Keith Hess, Map #22, Lot #21, for approval of a Shoreland Impact Permit

DES to Ed and Jane Rippe, Map #47, Lot #24, for notification that more information is needed for their Standard Dredge and Fill Permit

DES to Michael MacDonald, Wescott Road, Map #29, Lot #20, for notification that restoration has been completed and the case is closed

Next Meeting: To be determined.

A motion was made by Ms. Hagerman to adjourn. This was seconded by Ms. King and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.