

Enfield Conservation Commission
Public Works Facility, Enfield
Notes from June 2, 2016

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

Excused: Shirley Green

Guest: Jeff Taylor, Eastern Propane

Review of May 2016 minutes: Tabled due to lack of quorum.

New Business:

Whaleback Wetlands Minimum Impact Project:

Jeff Taylor from Eastern Propane of Rochester, NH addressed the Commission on an upcoming minimum wetlands impact of 1300 sq. ft. Eastern Propane recently purchased property on Whaleback Mountain Road with the intention of placing an office/warehouse and truck maintenance garage. On the property is a 30,000 gallon propane tank currently owned by Irving Gas which Eastern Propane is currently in negotiations to lease. Currently when trucks load they protrude into the access road. As this is a concern, Eastern Propane would like to change the loading arrangements, backing the delivery trucks off the road onto the wetlands. The wetlands are classified PEM1, considered low level wetlands, mainly vegetation with no wildlife species dependent upon it. With the scope of filling required the project is categorized by the DES as minimum impact. Chairman Strickland and Dr. Theis will view the site tomorrow and telephone Mr. Taylor with any concerns.

Shaker Hill Road Culvert Replacement:

Jim Turgeon from the NH DOT called Chairman Strickland requesting approval for a Wetlands Permit Application to remove an existing 12-inch CMP culvert and install a 15-inch perforated HDPE drain line and a new catch basin on Shaker Hill Road near the sheep farm. The sheep farm property contains a natural swale which the owners no longer have the right to clean out. The property owners are complaining that the State is channeling water from Shaker Hill Road into the swale. Replacing the culvert will alleviate this problem as the water will be diverted into catch basins. The DOT is requesting quick Conservation Commission approval. Dr. Theis questioned the possibility of contamination of ground water via a perforated pipe. Dr. Theis will call the DOT with questions on the project and report back to Chairman Strickland.

Tree Cutting:

Julie Huntley called Mr. Strickland regarding a suspected violation of the Shoreline Protection Act on Crystal Lake, a landowner cutting within the buffer zone. He viewed the area and will begin the notification process to NH DES of the possible violation.

Harris Brook Dam Workday:

Mr. Strickland suggested scheduling a work day to cut down trees which are encroaching at Harris dam.

Old Business:**Trail Visitor Tally:**

March: 9 visitors, ages 16-73

April: 12 visitors, ages 32-90

Partial May: 4 visitors, ages 12-64

Comments: Beautiful, fantastic, great hiking, kayaking is wonderful
Volunteer Maia Zawilinski's assistance with painting trail markers will be appreciated.

Conservation Commission Letters:

The letter to DES containing questions regarding the Bicknell Brook bridge replacement project is being held pending a meeting with the bridge contractor as it is anticipated specific concerns will be addressed at this meeting. Also, Dr. Theis obtained information about several additional fish species in Bicknell Brook which could be impacted during the bridge project.

Dr. Theis will modify the letter to the Grafton County Conservation Office regarding bobcats and mail it on Enfield Conservation Commission letterhead with his signature.

Smith Pond Shaker Forest Purchase:

The Upper Valley Land Trust News & Notes acknowledged the Enfield Conservation Commission's contribution toward their \$1.5 million land purchase.

Conservation Commission Talk:

Bill Warren spoke to a crowd of about 50 people for the talk, "*Trail Cooking and Fuel for your Body*" at the Community Building.

Next Meeting:

There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 7 p.m.