## **Enfield Conservation Minutes**

May 4, 2017

## 7:00PMCall meeting to order:

**Present:** Shirley Green, Alan Strickland, Jerry Theis, Jay Welenc, guest Joseph Roberts

**Approval:** March minutes Strickland made a motion to accept March minutes as printed, seconded by Welenc. Motion unanimously passed.

**New Member:** Jay Welenc, sworn in 3/14/17

## March & April events:

3/21/17: Strickland met with Upper Valley Trail Alliance to discuss Moose Mountain Trail at business of Alv Elvestad and Linda Jones. Alv and Linda are open to having the public access the trail through their property. Discussion centered on access. Linda volunteered to set up a meeting with adjacent landowner for the possibility of creating a parking area off of Route 4-A. Another access possibility is from Maple Street that Strickland will investigate.

3/27/17: Upper Valley Land Trust meeting to discuss ideas, use, and management plan for the 995 in Enfield. Strickland and Green attended the meeting.

3/30/17: Strickland looked at trail access from Maple Street to Moose Mountain Ridge. Doable if ownership does belong to Linda Jones and Alv Elvestad. Ms. Jones is researching her property ownership. She may have a half-acre in Canaan that would allow access from Maple Street.

3/30/17: Upper Valley Land Trust annual gathering of Conservation Commission in the Upper Valley, held at the Cartoon Studies in WRJ, VT. The theme was "Outdoors, Online, New tools for engaging citizen naturalists." Strickland, Green, Theis, and Welenc attended the meeting.

4/5/17: Strickland met with Melissa Hutson to discuss details of display.

4/6/17: Conservation Commission meeting: No quorum, Strickland and Welenc discussed issues.

4/10/17: Strickland attended the vernal pool talk given by Steve Faccio, conservation biologist at the Howe Library in Hanover.

**Point of order:** Dwight Marchetti would like the public record to show that he completed his term on the Conservation Commission, and he chose not to renew another 3 year term. Marchetti has served faithfully on the Commission for many years. His contributions will be missed. Alisa Bonnet made correction to selectmen's minutes.

4/29/17:

**Enfield Conservation Commission** 

Site Visit to Map#13, Lot#49

2:00PM: Met at Colette Trail Parking on Grafton Pond Road...

**Present:** Marcia Herrin, Alan Strickland, and Jerry Theis

**Purpose:** To look at Town owned parcel, and make a recommendation to the selectmen

**Observations:** Hundreds of ticks, 25 piles of moose droppings on way into the property. Heavily used by wildlife. Walked on the property to the middle of a beaver dam looking north and south. Observed corners and orientation of property. En route to the Town property, 2 vernal pools were observed with Wood frog and salamander egg masses.

**Conservation Fund: \$6367.99**, as of 2/27/17

**Correspondence:** Wagner Estate, Canaan, NH. Strickland received a call from the agent of the Wagner Estate in Canaan saying the Town's foot trail was on their property. The agent said he wanted any mention of the trail taken off the Town's Conservation web site, as well as the immediate removal of the north bridge. Strickland is checking in with surveyor Chris Rollins to see if he could clarify the boundary. It is possible that a survey will have to be done to clear up this boundary dispute. Any further correspondence should go through Town officials.

**Vernal Pools:** The season is almost here. Strickland will be looking to add to the existing 60 + vernal pools in Enfield. Of these pools, no fairy shrimp have been observed. Strickland is trying to verify the existence of at least **one** fairy shrimp within the Town's borders. Season to date: 8+ new vernal pools located

**Intent to cut:** None

## **New business:**

Library display: Strickland talked with librarian Melissa Hutson about setting up a conservation / wildlife display in the Enfield Public Library. Ms Hutson said July would be the target date. To Date we have a moose skull, coyote skull, deer skull, hornet's nest, turkey feathers, and Blue Jay feathers. If you come across a find in the forest or know of someone that would like to contribute something toward this display, please contact Chairman Strickland. The only rule is that the item must be from Enfield.

Karen Bamgartner, a Canaan artist, has volunteered to paint a forest backdrop for the display. Jimmy Proctor has offered a moose skull that was found on Shaker Mountain

**Conservation talk:** Any ideas for 2017? Jerry Theis and Ticks? Theis may do a tick talk next spring.

Joseph Roberts: Wetlands Permit by Notification for a desired beach modification located on Crystal Lake, 436 Lockehaven Road, Map#?Lot? Conservation approval is necessary for an expedited processing. Jody Roberts introduced his plan to modify access to Crystal Lake. He stated that the project is within the requirements of the Shoreline Protection Act with a 6 foot clearing. He stated he would like any ideas for his construction from the Crystal Lake Association. Construction is scheduled for the fall, so there is no need for an expedited form, hence no signature is required by the Commission. Theis said he would to see any ideas that the Crystal Lake Association had.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Green, seconded by Theis. Unanimous. Adjourned at 8:15PM