

**Enfield Conservation Commission MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 6th, 2017**  
**Enfield Public Library 6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Alan Strickland (chairman), Jerold Theis, Jay Welenc

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Annabelle Bamforth (minutes)

**Administrative:** Alan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Discussion, Old & New Business:**

Alan informed the commission that Annabelle Bamforth will be recording the commission meeting minutes.

The commission briefly discussed the property dispute at Harris Brook, and Alan said that the issue appears to have ceased.

Alan shared various updates with the commission members. Alan said that he had met with Chris Jones and Alv Elvestead regarding an access trail for the Moose Mountain Trail. It was noted that the trail's construction needs approval from property owners Jones, Elvestead and the Magnells, and an agreement has not yet been reached. The commission agreed to continue the discussion in August.

Alan also discussed his meeting with the Upper Valley Land Trust to review a proposed trail at the Smith Pond Shaker Forest. That meeting also included members of the Shaker Museum and the Mascoma Watershed Council.

Alan told the commission about his meeting with DPW Director Jim Taylor about the bridge being built on Lovejoy Brook Road as well as the culvert being replaced. The bridge is being replaced and is being constructed by the the company that replaced the bridge on Boys Camp Road.

Alan made a motion to approve town's culvert replacement on Lovejoy Brook Road, and Sue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan went on to discuss an email he received from New Hampshire Fish & Game. The email contained a notification regarding the upcoming removal of invasive plants located at Shaker

Mountain near the Lower Shaker Village. NH Fish & Game plans to place ash on the field to increase the soil's pH level. Alan noted that during the week of July 10th, there will be an informational presentation at the Shaker Museum to explain the removal of the plants.

The commission talked about the loons nesting at Harris Brook. Jay noted that he saw a loon family on the Lebanon side of Mascoma Lake with new hatchlings. Shirley shared some additional information about past nesting habits in the area.

The commission discussed the DES communications with owners of the Buck property (Map 28, Lot 4) regarding a Shoreland Impact permit for significant work planned at the property including removal of the previous structure, building of a workshop, installation of a septic system and stormwater management equipment. The property holds 13,456 of protected shoreland.

Alan noted the upcoming Old Home Days scenic hike at Shaker Mountain on Route 4A on Sunday, July 30th, at 1pm.

The commission briefly discussed ideas about planning presentations of films and followup discussions as an activity for the commission to hold during the winter. Jerry said that he had some conservation-related videos that may be of interest to the other commission members.

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting, and Shirley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.