



**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes (Approved)
November 2, 2017 7:00 PM
Enfield Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Rd.**

Members Present: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman, Alan Strickland (Chair), Jerold Theis, Jay Welenc

Excused: Gary Gaudette

Others: Annabelle Bamforth (minutes), Scott Osgood

Administrative

Alan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sue moved to accept the minutes of the October 5th meeting, Shirley seconded.

Discussion:

Jerold further clarified regarding the correction on page 1 that the Board of Selectmen had no objection to a sign being placed at Harris Brook.

The Commission discussed the correction on page 1 about native species; it was noted that sometimes there are lookalikes of invasive species.

The minutes were approved with the corrections; Jay chose to abstain from voting due to absence from the last meeting.

Discussion, Old and New Business

Nik Fiore and Bruce Bergeron, Jake's Market

Nik Fiore, an engineer, and Bruce Bergeron, owner of property on Main Street, came to the Commission to speak about replacing a culvert on Main Street located on property that is planned to become Jake's Market.

Nik said he was on the agenda at a meeting at the DPW for expedited approval for culvert work on this property. Nik said during a meeting with Jim Taylor, concerns about springtime flooding at the substation were discussed. Bruce and Nik explained that years ago, the town did some kind of work on this property, and material had washed off the site and filled in a drainage ditch. Over time, vegetation grew in this area; this appears to be because water had come through the drainage swale. Nik and Bruce requested feedback from the Commission about cleaning out the drainage ditch.

Nik showed the Commission several photos of the area in question, showing cracks in asphalt where the culvert is located. The culvert itself needs work; the photos show vegetation growing around the culvert area. Nik said he had looked through town files and could not find what work had been done there. He added that they will need a little more survey information and wetland delineation to get this culvert work done. Nik said he is not sure of the impact extent but the goal is to keep it low as possible.

Alan asked if this work would impact the pool by the post office. Nik responded the work will entail cutting the vegetation and removing roots and stumps in the channel of the culvert. Right now, silt and sediment is blocking the culvert and it's essentially nonfunctioning.

Nik asked the Commission to let them know they have feedback or advice. Shirley said that it was good that Nik and Bruce went to DES as the agency will help guide them. The Commission thanked Nik and Bruce for coming in.

Library Island Update

Alan said that Scott Osgood is looking to obtain town ownership as it does not appear anyone owns this property. Alan and Scott talked about a bridge that could withstand the rushing water.

Scott told the Commission about a recent seminar he attended that discussed how people tend to see natural amenities as a desirable feature. Jay noted that the Lakeside Park has been quite busy, and a library island could be another place to visit. Alan said that Scott will be leading the initiative to have the town gain ownership.

Alan also said that Scott shared preliminary information about the planned expansion of the mobile home park on May Street; the park owner went to the planning board and then the zoning board. Currently there are 5 homes: 2 on one lot and 3 on another separate lot. There is a wetland on the property according to the map. In order for the project to proceed, an engineer must design a septic system. It was found that it's not feasible for the property to connect to the town's sewer line at cost of at least \$200K. The Commission discussed the proposed existence of 15 units. It was noted that designing a septic system will determine the maximum capacity. Shirley noted that the plan is to install a septic system, made by Clean Solutions, which is more of a wastewater treatment system. Shirley said they are space saving and effective.

Alan asked if the Commission wants to do anything about this project. Shirley asked if the engineer will keep them updated. Scott said he will as he receives updates. Shirley said DES would not likely approve something that's not supposed to be there.

Evenchance Road Development

Jay said he has not noticed problems in his yard, and added that he has not taken a close look since the heavy rain on Sunday night but does plan to look again.

Jay told the Commission about an event at Dartmouth- on November 14 from 5-8PM, which is an open forum on protecting wildlife.

Reimbursement for Sign

Jay moved to approve reimbursing Jerold for a sign warning about loon nesting and advising no lead; Sue seconded, motion approved unanimously

Dues

Sue moved to pay pending dues of \$330, Jay seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Alan noted that the Colette trail has been cleared, as well as the trail at Harris Brook and the Suky Marsh trail.

Alan said he was thinking of sending a meeting invite to the landowners in charge of Moose Mountain access. The Commission had no objection. Jerold said a letter might help and said he plans to draft a letter for next meeting.

Adjournment

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jay seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.