

Enfield Conservation Commission

April 2, 2018

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

Others: Denise Shibles (Recording Secretary), Mike Moore

Administrative

Alan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Alan introduced Denise and welcomed Dolores Struckhoff, who would like to join the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Jay moved to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Sue seconded. The vote was unanimous with Shirley abstaining.

-Michael Moore, President of the Lakeview Association, presented the plan to improve the beach area on Mascoma Lake. His presentation included detailed drawings of the work to be done and a Wetlands permit. He answered several questions regarding the 2' tall fieldstone retaining wall, how the current grassed area will be preserved, the creation of a dock for kayak launching and explained how the timing of this project is important (rising waters in Spring).

Sue Hagerman moved to approve the application with Jay Welenc seconding. The vote was unanimous in favor of the application, 5-0.

-There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Blue Ox Farm that is for sale on Rt 4A. Alan Strickland has spoken with the Upper Valley Land Trust regarding possibilities for the property. The sale price is \$800,000. It would be great as a non-profit/educational institute! The fear is that it will sold off to a developer. Shirley said she has heard community members are concerned with large properties being taken off the tax roll and how that can affect their taxes.

It's possible that the Land Trust might be interested in paying easements to the new owners for keeping it as agricultural property.

Jerold Theis motioned to invite the Upper Valley Land Trust to the next meeting with Sue Hagerman seconding. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, 5-0.

-Jay handed out Habitat maps and Wildlife maps to each member. The members were given a list of all the properties the town owns. The members are interested in how to help the community be more aware of properties and/or corridors to preserve.

Jay and Amanda Stone have completed an application for an Action Plan for the Board. This might include things such as educational outreach, set up at the Farmer's Market with the maps, walks to land that's used as wildlife corridors and habitats.

It was suggested that Amanda be invited to come to the June meeting.

-Alan presented the application for Commission membership of Dolores Struckoff to the Board. A formal request has to be made from the Commission to the Selectboard on her behalf. Dolores talked a little about herself and her interest in Conservation and the community. She expressed her concerns for the environment in our area. She now has time and would like to be part of this Commission.

Jerold Theis motioned to approve the application with Shirley Green seconding. The vote was unanimous in favor of the vote, 5-0.

-Shirley Green handed out fliers for donations regarding public access to the Lakeside Park.

-Jay Welenc motioned to accept the March minutes as written with Sue Hagerman seconding. The vote was in favor of the motion, 4-0 with Shirley Green abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. Shibles

Recording Secretary

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