

Enfield Conservation Commission

May 3, 2018

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

Others: Denise Shibles (Recording Secretary), Gary Gaudette

Administrative

Alan called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

-Amanda Stone met with members of the Commission before the call to order to discuss options and opportunities for the Commission to present to the community, different programs.

Approval of Minutes

Jerold motioned to approve the minutes as corrected with Shirley seconding. The vote was unanimous in favor, 5-0.

Business

- Presentation at Farmer's Market: Jay has volunteered to present on May 12th. It was decided to purchase an easel and foam core to support the maps, if the Town Office doesn't have one that could be borrowed. Jerold will look into easels.
- The road salt talk will be rescheduled in October.
- Looking for a weekend to do a visit to the island.
- Jerold reported his findings on town owned properties. He thinks there are parcels of privately owned properties large enough to be preserved. Maybe these owners could be offered some sort of tax break if they do not hay their fields and conserve these properties. This is not a Commission decision and would need to begin on the government level. Right now, the owners could be invited to a meeting to discuss the possibilities for them. Jerold will investigate the owners of these properties with the Town Office. He will write up his findings and make a list of the top 10.
- Alan stated he has spoken with Maurice Crump regarding Bicknell Brook. He is interested in selling his property. Alan asked him to consider talking to the Commission. This property abuts Town property. We might want to bring this to Town Meeting to purchase. It doesn't have great value but is of great habitat value. Jerold will check on its tax value. It was suggested the Commission ask for permission to do a walk of the property.
- Overlook Walk is happening from 1-4pm. Alan to get Shirley the write up which will be posted on the Facebook page.
- Blue Ox Farm: not pursuing further. It looks like it is being sold in parcels. Not sure.

Shirley motioned the meeting be adjourned with Sue seconding. The vote was unanimous in favor, 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. Shibles

Recording Secretary