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Enfield Conservation Commission
Public Works Facility, Enfield
Meeting of September 3, 2015

Present: Gary Gaudette; Shirley Green; Sue Hagerman; Jeanine King; Dwight Marchetti; Alan Strickland, Chairman; Jerold Theis; Paula Gillen, Recorder

Guests: Steve Schneider, Ralph Epifanio

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Review of August 6, 2015 minutes: A motion was made by Dwight Marchetti to accept the August 2015 minutes as written. This was seconded by Alan Strickland and the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Harris Brook Scenic Area Parking Lot:

Mr. Marchetti stated the south end of the culvert in the parking area has gravel accumulation again. He verified permit requirements with Mr. Schneider and asked if the Town of Canaan specified the size of the culvert, stating it is too small. Mr. Schneider stated the Town of Canaan has seen the site. Mr. Marchetti recommended continued monitoring of the culvert and updated the Commission about obtaining gravel and hard pack for the Harris Brook parking lot, stating it would be more efficacious to use one truck to make 3 runs, using the travel time for the return trips to spread the product. Mr. Schneider will follow up on the size of the culvert and delivery of hard pack.

'Old Motel' Property:

Mr. Marchetti asked Mr. Schneider about the marked trees at the 'old motel' property. Mr. Schneider stated the marks reflect the 150-foot buffer zone. He stated the Town has day-to-day management of both parcels of land. However, the Town cannot break ground on the brush-hogged parcel due to archeological features. Mr. Schneider confirmed the DOT is not interested in giving the land to the Town. It may be offered for sale at fair market value. The Bureau of Trails would be interested in a partnership arrangement where they have ownership and the Town manages the land.

New Business:

Harris Brook Scenic Area Concerns:

Ralph Epifanio addressed the Commission with concerns regarding the Harris Brook Scenic Area. He is the immediate neighbor halfway around the reservoir on the Canaan side.

Mr. Epifanio stated in the past month an unidentified individual, perhaps a surveyor or poacher, visited his property and left over a mile's worth of string/surveyor tape on his land. He produced a sample of this string. Mr. Strickland assured Mr. Epifanio this activity was not performed or condoned by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Epifanio will follow up with the police investigation of this incident.

Mr. Epifanio's second concern was that the new trail signs were directing the public to his property. He noted there were remnants of a fence on the Enfield side. He asked this fence be replaced as a deterrent. In addition, he will place 'no trespassing' signs on his property. Mr. Marchetti suggested dropping 2 fir trees to stop foot traffic onto Mr. Epifanio's property. Mr. Epifanio added his property contains an old stone wall at the brook where multiple stones have been dislodged, and an old mill which now has the above-mentioned surveying tape/string wrapped around it.

Mr. Epifanio was also concerned that as an abutter he was not notified in advance of this project. Mr. Strickland stated he invited Mr. Epifanio to an abutter's meeting in November 2014 but as Mr. Epifanio was leaving for Florida Mr. Strickland met with him individually for 2 hours.

Harris Brook Scenic Area Abutters Followup:

Mr. Strickland asked the Commission about the need for a check-in meeting with the Canaan abutters one year later. The group agreed and the abutters will be invited to the November meeting.

Harris Brook Scenic Area Sign-in:

Dr. Theis spoke of the desirability of having a sign-in area at Harris Brook to record visitors' gender, age, how many in party and date of visit. This information collection would be helpful to track trail usage and impact on abutters. Mr. Marchetti suggested having such a sign-in area at all trails and Dr. Theis will obtain the necessary box to start this process at Harris Brook.

Harris Brook Scenic Area Boats:

Mr. Marchetti stated there were 4 boats left near the trail. The Selectboard has been notified. The Enfield Reservoir Ordinance states no boating is permitted.

Correspondence:

- DES to William Bosworth, Map #2, Lot #29 regarding Complete Forestry Notification to start work on property.

- DES to Julie/Lloyd Descarpentrie, Map #13, Lot #47 & 47-A, regarding Complete Forestry Notification to start work on property.
- DES to Jana Guy, Map #18, Lot #38, Shoreland Impact Permit, Mascoma Lake, to impact 525 sq ft in order to replace failing retaining walls.
- DES to Michael Michalenoick, Map #32, Lot #48, Mascoma Lake, Shoreland Impact Permit to impact 1950 sq ft in order to add tow decks to an existing structure.
- Jeffrey and Linda Kipperman, Map #24, Lot #21, Mascoma Lake, Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit to replace the existing 4-foot wide access steps to the dock.

James Kelleher, Map #10-A, Lot #75/A11, Mascoma Lake, 21 Nancy's Way, Wetlands Permit Application, to replace a wood retaining wall in the same footprint with a pre-cast concrete retaining wall, 132 feet long, impacting 2556 sq ft. A motion was made by Sue Hagerman to grant the expedited approval. This was seconded by Dwight Marchetti and the motion was unanimously approved.

Daniel and Linda Kerrigan, Map #21, Lot #36, Mascoma Lake, 47 Meadow Lane, Wetlands Permit Application, to replace wood retaining walls with precast concrete walls, 63 feet, and to add an additional 22-foot new precast concrete wall, a total of 85 feet. A motion was made by Gary Gaudette to grant the expedited approval. This was seconded by Dwight Marchetti and the motion was unanimously approved.

Intent to Cut:

Sidney Barnes, Map #2, Lot #54, Rice Road

Dean Hersey, Map #8, Lot #56-4, George Hill Road

Gary Hubbard, Map #2, Lot #26

William Bosworth, Map #2, Lot #29, Methodist Hill Road

Julie Descarpentrie, Map #13, Lot #47 & 47-A, Ledge Road

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 1 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Hagerman to adjourn. This was seconded by Ms. Green and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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