

**Enfield Conservation Commission
April 2021 Agenda**

7:00PM: Call meeting to order via zoom

Attendance: Members on the Commission will be recorded as present if logged into site

Minutes: Approval of January, February, and March minutes

Colette / Bicknell Brook Trail:

Strickland noticed that Robert Cone, Map#9, Lot#47-1, 93 Grafton Pond Rd, an abutter to the Town of Enfield property on which is located the Colette and Bicknell Brook Trails, is again in violation of respecting Town property. He recut his old snowmobile trail on Town property, including young live saplings. Strickland noticed fresh sawdust from chainsaw cutting on the snow. Several downed trees had been cut. Strickland called Alisa, the Assistant Town Manager, who directed him to call the police. Strickland called the Office of the Police reporting the incident. This has been an ongoing issue with Mr. Cone since 2010. Most recently, on April 15, 2019, the board of selectmen voted for the Town to post a "NO SNOWMOBILE USE" to the entrance of the snowmobile trail that originates from the Cone property. Strickland and Theis then posted the Town property. Strickland would like to write a letter to the BOS to further document this most recent abuse so that it can be a part of a public record to show a continued pattern of disregard to the Town's directives.

Intent to cut: None

Correspondence:

Department of Fish & Game: Strickland received a phone call from Jim Oehler to see if he could use some indoor facility to conduct a chainsaw class in June for about 10-20 participants. Strickland contacted Jim Taylor, DPW, who said DPW could host the event during the weekday. The event will be a 2-day affair with the second day in the field at the F & G property on Shaker Mountain, where the group will fall trees to block access to unauthorized trails.

Natural Resource Inventory: Update from subcommittee.

Game Cameras:

Report from Theis on status and findings

Vernal Pools: GPS coordinates need to be added to Conservation's list of vernal pools, + or – 60. Each spring a sampling of existing vernal pools data should take place, recording number of egg masses, Wood Frog or salamanders, date of sample, chorusing or not, and % of ice covering. Wood Frog egg masses can be seen at the Enfield Post Office's vernal pool, which should appear any day now.

Deer Autopsy:

Strickland found a deer, a young buck, which very recently died on the Town's Suky Marsh property. The body was still well preserved. The death seemed to be void of injury and trauma. Strickland notified Dr. Theis who wanted to conduct an autopsy and send samples to the lab. Cutting into the lung cavity

showed no sign of internal bleeding. Probable cause of death is starvation, which could indicate loss of habitat and food sources, over population, or other factors caused by weakened health.

The Suky Marsh property is a major deer habitat which contains a deer yard. Deer droppings cover almost the entire property.

Other agenda items: Members can express other issues not listed above.

Adjourn