

Enfield Conservation Commission  
August 6, 2020 Agenda

7:00PM: Call meeting to order via zoom

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

**Updates:**

Milkweed on Town report  
Gary Gaudette Bench

**Logging:** Map#9, Lot#40, formerly the Poitrais property. Property abuts Town conserved land, about a half mile long. Logging is a land conversion to favor an agriculture use, sheep. Stumping will occur over time. Since there is a wetland crossing involved to skid the logs to the landing, Doug Miner, a senior forest ranger for the State of NH, was asked to inspect the site to make sure everything was done in compliance with Best Management Practices. Mr. Miner spent 3 hours on site with logger and determined that there were no major issues. Mr. Miner did offer some suggestions to the logger in regards to the wetlands. The Upper Valley Land Trust was also notified as they hold a trail easement on the bottom portion of the lot where the Colette Trail crosses Bicknell Brook. According to Jason Berard from the UVLT, there are no restrictions on use as long as the trail is open to hikers.

**Harris Brook Scenic Area:** It seems the area is experiencing more and more use, especially by families with young children. On inspection, there was some blowdown that needed to be addressed, and some trash at the north end that had to be removed. One abutting landowner has been storing their kayak on Town property to access the pond. Upon next inspection, if kayak is still there, action should be taken.

**Smith Pond Logging:** Letter to DES regarding logging and runoff into Smith Pond Brook has received no response. According to Doug Miner, senior forester, the State has curtailed field work due to the virus.

**Correspondence:** Dept of NH Fish & Game to Town of Enfield concerning a Trails Notification and Prime Wetland Waiver to replace footbridge at the trailhead of Cole Pond on Bog Road.

DES to Stephan Lary, Map#43, Lot#20, Crystal Lake, to (1) inform owner of inspection, cutting trees and saplings were done in compliance with the grid point system, and (2) to inform that the construction of a earthen ramp requires a permit from the NHDES Shoreland program. No permit was recorded. Owners must comply with regulations.

DES to Edward Louise French Trust, Map#17, Lot#24, Spectacle Pond, for possible violation of not maintaining vegetation in accordance to RAS 483-B:9, and having commenced excavation without a permit.

DES to Phil Edson, John Downing, Map#46, Lot#27, Crystal Lake Road, informing that the Expedited Minimum Impact permit is complete.

**Intent to cut:** Barbara Patch, Map#6, Lot#23, Methodist Hill Road.

**Big trees in Enfield:** The following report, begun in 2013, should be added to the Conservation website?

### Big Trees of Enfield

Fall 2013

<b>Species</b>	<b>Diameter (dbh)</b>	<b>Location</b>
White Ash	29.1	Stone Mill, Shaker Village
Red Maple	38.3	Smith Pond Brook
Yellow Birch	27.1	Smith Pond Brook
Hemlock	31.7	Smith Pond Brook
Basswood	21.4	Smith Pond Brook
Spruce	26.6	Route 4-A, Residential, Enfield CT
Black Cherry	24.4	Shaker Garden area
White Pine	46.8	Roadside, Boys Camp Rd
Red Oak 1	51.8	Roadside, 4-A UV Auto area
Red Oak 2	48.8	Roadside, 4-A, UV Auto area
White Birch	20.3	Bicknell Brook Trail
Poplar	32.4	Mud Pond Rd
Beech	24.3	Goodhue Hill Rd outback area, BC Trail
Red Pine	21.4	Harris Brook Scenic Area
American Chestnut	14.0	Petryk Woodlands
Sugar Maple	29.6	Behind Stone Mill building, Shaker
Butternut	26.7	Base of Mt. Calm
Silver Maple	29.7	Three Acre Island, Mascoma River
Shag Bark Hickory 1	18.1	Behind Stone Mill building, Shaker
Shag Bark Hickory 2	19.2	Behind Stone Mill building, Shaker

If a tree species on this list, found within the boundaries of the Town, is greater in diameter at breast height (dbh), it will be registered and recorded as the new champion.

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**Concerns and input from Conservation members:**

**Adjourn**