

Enfield Conservation Commission  
Public Works Facility, Enfield  
Meeting of April 7, 2016

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

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

**Review of January 2016 and March 2016 minutes:**

A motion was made by Ms. King to accept the January 2016 minutes as written. This was seconded by Ms. Hagerman and the motion passed with abstentions from Ms. Green and Mr. Gaudette.

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**Old Business:**

**Harris Brook:**

Chairman Strickland dug out the culvert at Harris Brook. The south end was almost completely clogged with sand from the road. This is an ongoing concern and will need to be monitored.

**Upper Valley Land Trust Donation:**

A check for \$2,000 was issued to the UVLT. Copies of the letter to the Town of Enfield requesting this check and the donation letter to the Upper Valley Land Trust are attached.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Strickland received a telephone call from Enfield resident Mary Wormwood who voiced concerns about proposed use of herbicides by the Northern Rail Trail on the trail corridor toward Concord. Ms. King read from Northern Rail Trail minutes outlining their request for permission to use herbicides on the trail at <http://andoverbeacon.com/index.php/22191/friends-of-the-northern-rail-trail-minutes-march-16-2016/>. Ms. Hagerman moved that Mr. Marchetti research this matter due to his knowledge of the rail trail and its monitors. Dr. Theis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

DES to Edward and Jane Rippe, Map #47, Lot #24, for Wetlands and non-site specific Permit to dredge and fill 318 square feet of an intermittent stream to stabilize an eroding bank.

DES to Wayne Tucker, Map #50, Lot #42, for Shoreland Impact Permit to impact 13,303 square feet in order to remove existing cabin and garage, and replace with new house, detached garage, driveway and retaining wall and septic system.

**Intent to Cut:**

Lloyd Hackeman, Map #9, Lot #74-6, 74-5, 75-4, 10,000 MBF of white pine.

**New Business:**

**Moose Mountain Ridge Trail:**

Mr. Strickland met with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance team in Norwich to discuss the Moose Mountain Ridge Trail. Others present at the meeting were the Hanover Conservancy and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

**Conservation Commission Gathering:**

The Upper Valley Land Trust and Upper Valley Conservation Commissions' annual gathering in White River Junction was attended by Mr. Strickland, Dr. Theis and Ms. Green. Films on local and international conservation were shown and a report summarizing activities of local conservation commissions was distributed. John Rowe verified receipt of the Enfield Conservation Commission's donation check for \$2000. Copies of the letter to the Town of Enfield requesting this check and the donation letter to the Upper Valley Land Trust are attached.

**Collapsed Shaker Bridge Removal:**

Mr. Strickland requested the Commission's thoughts regarding removal of an old collapsed bridge near the Shaker Mill building. This bridge is located on museum property and Shaker museum personnel have put warning tape around the area. Hikers continue to cross it and the bridge needs to be removed secondary to safety concerns. As the museum and the Commission have a formal agreement regarding joint trail management, questions were raised regarding Town responsibility and possible liability at this site. Steven Schneider, Town Manager, and Ms. Green are on the Shaker museum board and this bridge removal has been discussed there as well. Mr. Strickland will contact Mr. Schneider for clarification regarding use of Town equipment to aid in bridge removal and potential Town liability issues. Mr. Strickland will provide the joint trail management agreement.

**Conservation Commission Sponsored Talk:**

On Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bill Warren will give a talk at the Enfield Community Building entitled "Fuel for Your Body and Food for the Trail." Promotion in the Valley News and Enfield Listserv will be arranged.

**Bobcat Hunting and Trapping:**

Dr. Theis expressed concerns over New Hampshire Fish and Game's bobcat overpopulation estimates, citing the challenges inherent in arriving at accurate population numbers of nocturnal predators such as bobcats. Ms. King read from the "Bobcat Research" section of the NH Fish and Game's web site explaining their methodology. Dr. Theis will pursue this with NH Fish and Game.

**Boys Camp Road Bridge Construction:**

Dr. Theis outlined potential impact to Crystal Lake via Bicknell Brook during the proposed bridge replacement on Boys Camp Road secondary to the chosen contractor's low bid as announced by Mr. Schneider at the recent Town Meeting. Dr. Theis will draft a letter to Mr. Schneider and the DES explaining the Conservation Commission's concerns regarding potential deleterious impact to the lake and the Commission's desire to be apprised of bridge funding to ensure protective environmental measures are employed. Dr. Theis will present this letter for approval at the Commission's May meeting.

**Introduction to Mosses 101:**

On April 16, 2016, Mr. Strickland will lead a two-mile loop moss walk on the Colette Trail identifying mosses native to the Bicknell Brook watershed. A notice will be placed on the Enfield listserv and Valley News Calendar. This will be a free event.

**Vernal Pool Walk:**

On April 30, 2016, Mr. Strickland will lead a vernal pool walk at Enfield's largest vernal pool on Shaker Mountain. This will be a free event.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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

3/15/16

To: Enfield Town Treasurer  
From: Enfield Conservation Commission  
Request: Check

Dear Sasha Holland,

The Conservation Commission voted at the January 7th meeting to donate the sum of \$2000 from the Conservation Fund to the Upper Valley Land Trust campaign to conserve the Smith Pond Shaker Forest pending legal approval. Article 12 passed at the 2016 Town meeting that allowed the Commission to give donations from the Conservation Fund to a qualified organization. Could you please make a \$2000 check out to the Upper Valley Land Trust for the Smith Pond Shaker Forest preservation. The check can be sent to Upper Valley Land Trust, 19 Buck Rd., Hanover, NH 03755. Please include Smith Pond Shaker Forest on the memo line on the check.

Thank you,

Alan Strickland, Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission

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To: Upper Valley Land Trust  
John Roe

From: Enfield Conservation Commission  
Regarding: \$2000 donation

Dear John,

It is with pleasure that the Enfield Conservation Commission makes this \$2000 donation toward the preservation of the Smith Pond Shaker Forest. We wish it could be more. Thanks so much for saving this special place. It is money well spent.

Alan Strickland, Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission