

Enfield Conservation Minutes

May 4, 2017

7:00PM Call meeting to order:

Present: Shirley Green, Alan Strickland, Jerry Theis, Jay Welenc, guest Joseph Roberts

Approval: March minutes Strickland made a motion to accept March minutes as printed, seconded by Welenc. Motion unanimously passed.

New Member: Jay Welenc, sworn in 3/14/17

March & April events:

3/21/17: Strickland met with Upper Valley Trail Alliance to discuss Moose Mountain Trail at business of Alv Elvestad and Linda Jones. Alv and Linda are open to having the public access the trail through their property. Discussion centered on access. Linda volunteered to set up a meeting with adjacent landowner for the possibility of creating a parking area off of Route 4-A. Another access possibility is from Maple Street that Strickland will investigate.

3/27/17: Upper Valley Land Trust meeting to discuss ideas, use, and management plan for the 995 in Enfield. Strickland and Green attended the meeting.

3/30/17: Strickland looked at trail access from Maple Street to Moose Mountain Ridge. Doable if ownership does belong to Linda Jones and Alv Elvestad. Ms. Jones is researching her property ownership. She may have a half-acre in Canaan that would allow access from Maple Street.

3/30/17: Upper Valley Land Trust annual gathering of Conservation Commission in the Upper Valley, held at the Cartoon Studies in WRJ, VT. The theme was "*Outdoors, Online, New tools for engaging citizen naturalists.*" Strickland, Green, Theis, and Welenc attended the meeting.

4/5/17: Strickland met with Melissa Hutson to discuss details of display.

4/6/17: Conservation Commission meeting: No quorum, Strickland and Welenc discussed issues.

4/10/17: Strickland attended the vernal pool talk given by Steve Faccio, conservation biologist at the Howe Library in Hanover.

New business:

Library display: Strickland talked with librarian Melissa Hutson about setting up a conservation / wildlife display in the Enfield Public Library. Ms Hutson said July would be the target date. To Date we have a moose skull, coyote skull, deer skull, hornet's nest, turkey feathers, and Blue Jay feathers. If you come across a find in the forest or know of someone that would like to contribute something toward this display, please contact Chairman Strickland. The only rule is that the item must be from Enfield.

Karen Bamgartner, a Canaan artist, has volunteered to paint a forest backdrop for the display. Jimmy Proctor has offered a moose skull that was found on Shaker Mountain

Conservation talk: Any ideas for 2017? Jerry Theis and Ticks? Theis may do a tick talk next spring.

Joseph Roberts: Wetlands Permit by Notification for a desired beach modification located on Crystal Lake, 436 Lockhaven Road, Map#?Lot? Conservation approval is necessary for an expedited processing. Jody Roberts introduced his plan to modify access to Crystal Lake. He stated that the project is within the requirements of the Shoreline Protection Act with a 6 foot clearing. He stated he would like any ideas for his construction from the Crystal Lake Association. Construction is scheduled for the fall, so there is no need for an expedited form, hence no signature is required by the Commission. Theis said he would to see any ideas that the Crystal Lake Association had.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Green, seconded by Theis. Unanimous. Adjourned at 8:15PM