



**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes (Draft)
December 7, 2017 7:00 PM
Enfield Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Rd.**

Members Present: Shirley Green, Alan Strickland (Chair), Jerold Theis, Jay Welenc

Excused/Absent: Gary Gaudette, Sue Hagerman

Others: Annabelle Bamforth (minutes)

Administrative

Alan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

New Business

Doug Gamsby of Green Line Property Service presented to the Commission, as an expedited permit is being sought for water diversion on property on Cogswell Way (#46). Doug shared photos and a map of Wilson Trailer park, and explained to the Commission that water is overtopping the concrete slab and leaking underneath the property causing problems. Doug said the goal is to get into the wet area, build a berm to stop the flooding, and build a swale.

Jerold asked about the source of the water that fills the wetland. Doug said there's a big hill that looks to be the source; it's essentially groundwater moving to this area

Shirley asked if this is a new issue. Doug said it's been going on for a while. He said dirt would need to be moved around to change the grade, but not very much would be removed.

Doug and his associate, Steve, explained that the drainage comes from silt on Route 4-A from an old project and has filled the ditch. Steve said they are trying to do the most reasonable thing without having to bother DES.

Jay noted that he experiences similar problems where he lives with water coming from down the mountain. Jay asked if there would be a trench installed for water to flow. Doug confirmed.

Jay made a motion to approve the expedited permit, and Shirley seconded.

Discussion:

No members of the Commission expressed concerns; Alan said he felt confident in Steve's judgement. The Commission unanimously approved the motion and signed their approval.

Approval of Minutes

Shirley moved to accept the minutes of the November 2 meeting, and Alan seconded.

Discussion:

Shirley said that the "smart" septic system proposed at the trailer park on May Street is called Clean Solutions and clarified that she was interested in finding out if Clean Solutions would be used, but was not planning to return to the Planning Board.

Shirley noted that the word "moved" was spelled incorrectly on page 3.

The minutes were approved with the changes.

Dartmouth Seminar

Alan and Jay attended this seminar and told the Commission about the talks held there. Jay said it was a diverse group of speakers, all with something different to offer. He added that the last speaker discussed flooding in Lebanon. Jay said the seminar was a good networking opportunity for those interested in conservation.

Alan told the Commission that Steve Schneider of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission suggested that Amanda Stone, a conservation specialist from the University of NH, visit and host a talk in town. Alan said that Steve knows Amanda and noted that since she discusses several topics, it would be necessary to narrow the scope. Jay suggested wildlife. Alan said he would like the discussion to be NH-specific and preferably Enfield and/or

Canaan-specific. Jay said a local community wildlife preservation talk may be a good idea that may inspire locals to be more active.

Alan said the community building would need to be rented, but would like to contact Amanda for availability first. A weekday night was suggested. Jay said he would reach out to her. Alan said Steve may also be able to help.

Alan told the Commission about a student in town who did a lot of work on the Suky Marsh Trail and Harris Brook, recently received a Girl Scout Gold Award for her efforts.

The Commission noted a Shoreland impact permit from Greg Hartman (Map#28, Lot#28), previously addressed by the Commission; the permit is for repairing a retaining wall.

The Commission noted a notice of invalid permit for Joseph Roberts (Map#47, Lot#12/BL436).

Alan said that he spoke to town manager Ryan Aylesworth about a letter to landowners regarding trail access on Moose Mountain, and said that Ryan had advised holding off and would rather have the issue in front of the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission discussed whether there would be a meeting held in January. Alan said it appeared there would not be one scheduled but would follow up soon to confirm, as there was the possibility of needing to hold a short meeting.

Shirley motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Jay seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.