

Enfield Conservation Commission
June 7, 2018 minutes

7:03PM: Call meeting to order

Present: Garry Gaudette, Shirley Green, Alan Strickland, Dolores Struckhoff, Jerry Theis. Guest: Amy Tangen

Approval of May minutes

Shirley Green made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. The correction is that Gary Gaudette is a member, and not listed under other. Seconded by Dolores Struckhoff. Motion passes unanimously.

Amy Tangen, Map#18, Lot#39 on Mascoma Lake for Permit by Notification: Dock installation. Request for expedited application. Much discussion about whether 8+ year old wood was pressure treated. Gary Gaudette went to DES website which listed criteria for docks which stated that pressure treated was allowed but not encouraged. Motion to approve expedited permit by Garry Gaudette, seconded by Alan Strickland. Motion passed unanimously.

Summary: Climate Change talk at DHMC

Jerry Theis summed up talk: people are starting to push adaption rather than preservation or conservation to climate change.

Old Business:

Reschedule Road Salt talk.

Site Visit on Island: To date, Jay and Jerry have visited the island. Strickland met with Town manger Ryan Aylesworth regarding island, 6/1/18. To initiate ownership may require a 3-year waiting period. Ryan would like the Commission to make a presentation at a selectboard meeting next month to see if this is something the Town would like to begin. Once ownership is established, then a discussion of use can occur.

Garry Gaudette made a motion that Strickland and other members, attend a selectboard meeting to introduce the idea of the Town starting in motion a procedure for ownership of the unclaimed land.

Seconded by Dolores Struckhoff. Motion passes unanimously.

Town Wildflower: Establishment of an official flower to represent Enfield. Ryan Aylesworth, Town manager, will check on official procedure, if there is one, as how to designate this. There was much discussion on how to do this, which will continue next

month with more information from Town Manager. The idea of a Town wildflower was well received and could bolster public interest in conservation.

Intent to Cut: None

Town Lot: Lot #9-A & Lot#9-B in Canaan. Management plan? Expand trails? Meet with Jim Taylor and Grafton County forester Jim Frohn, (603-787-6944). Strickland will try to coordinate times for all.

Old Home Day Hike: Sunday, July 29th at 1:00PM, meeting at I-89, exit #15, Smith Pond Road.

Community outreach: Booth at Farmer's market, June 12th, with wildlife maps. Jay Welenc will spend the day at the market representing the Commission. Strickland will help step up and staff the booth.

Negotiating with Nature: Friday, June 22, 2018 at Mascoma High School at 6:00PM

Misc:

Jerry Theis showed some diagrams for building burrows for the Eastern Cottontail Rabbit.

Jerry Theis would like to experiment with plastic bags that kill Buckthorn. Strickland suggested that a group go to Harris Brook and look at the feasibility of Buckthorn eradication. Based on the group's finding, Jerry Theis made a motion to purchase of a number of bags, not to exceed \$100. Seconded by Strickland. Motion passes unanimously.

Shirley Green said that on July 12th, from 4-9:00PM at the Main Street Bar and Grill in Enfield, a percentage of the cost of meals will go to the Eastman Charitable Foundation, which has given the Commission a grant in the past, and has donated as well as to the dog park and to the new Lakeside Park near the rail trail.

No meeting in July unless there are permits to approve. Watch for e-mail notice to confirm.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Garry Gaudette, seconded by Jerry Theis at 8:23PM.

Minutes submitted by Alan Strickland