

Enfield Conservation Commission

October 4, 2018

Members Present: Alan Strickland, Jerold Theis, Dolores Struckhoff, and Jay Welenc

Excused: Shirley Green, Sue Hagerman

Others: No Recording Secretary

Administrative-

Approval of Minutes-

- A. Minutes were reviewed for the August 2nd meeting. Jay made a motion to accept.
 - Dolores seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- B. Minutes for the September 6th meeting were reviewed and corrections made.
 - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Jerold seconded and the vote was accepted.

Business-

- 1) Jay asked about a list of bird species Jerold gave him at the last meeting, as he could not recall where it fit. Jerold said they were species that could be monitored for outcome data for the evasive spraying taking place on Shaker Mountain.
- 2) Jay spoke about our Wild Life Action plan and his meeting with Alisa.
 - a. Alisa put the 2 maps on our Website. She suggested we write an introductory paragraph about the Action Plan, and she will post that on the Website. Jay will do so and review it with the Commission before submitting it. Jerold suggested we include a statement asking people interested in preserving their land for conservation to contact us for information about options to do so.
 - b. Jay discussed locations to show the maps.
 - i. She was able to free some bulletin board space in the town offices for one map. We could switch them out and provide some of the handouts there for people to grab.
 - ii. Town meetings would be OK, but have to clear that with David Beaufait.
 - iii. Library would be OK, but need to clear it with Melissa Hutson.
 - iv. Town events.
 - v. Along the Rail train, or at the Lakeside Park.
 - c. Post a notice on the List Serve with link to the website.
- 3) Alan discussed the proposal for a Wildlife viewing area along the Mascoma River in back of the Town hall parking lot. Plants between 2 black locust trees would be cleared as a viewing spot. We could put a bench or a picnic table there.
 - Jay made a motion to move forward on this proposal and present it to the town. Jerold seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
- 4) Commission discussed the contest to decide a Town Wildflower. Dolores found that 2 of her selections are not native. Alan submitted is selections. So far there are just selections from Jerold, Dolores, and Alan. The group felt we should give this process more time for the rest of the committee to submit selections. The committee felt that once we pick our 5 top selections, we should present the contest at many town events and charge \$1.00 per entry. Some locations suggested could be:

- a. Town meetings
 - b. March voting
 - c. Library on Thursdays
 - d. Along the Rail Trail or Wayside Park.
 - e. Hometown Holidays
 - f. Transfer Station.
- 5) Alan discussed the Town lot report by Jim Taylor. He suggested to err on the side of caution in the management of the 400' well head buffer zone. Next steps is for Alan to talk to Jim and get more details on this.

New Business-

- 1) Alan announced that the annual Association of Conservation Commission Members meeting is November 3rd at Pembroke Academy. It is the same day as our next conservation committee meeting. Alan suggested we car pool to this event as our meeting.

- Alan made a motion to adjoin the meeting at 7:57 pm. Jay seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Welenc