## Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

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

Excused: Sue Hagerman

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

## Approval of Minutes-

- A. Minutes were reviewed for the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Jerold made a motion to accept.
  - Jay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **Business-**

- B. Alan brought up that the annual State Association of Conservation Commission dues of \$350.00 need to be paid.
  - There was a question asking about the value of the membership and whether it is mandated for membership was discussed.
  - Dolores went on line to see what is there. It mentioned providing advice, on line forum, a resource library, promoting community work, literature discounts, and voting privileges at annual meetings
  - Jerold said he would look into the organization deeper with a call and report back to the group.
  - Dolores asked that we wait until Jerold reports back before we decide on paying the dues.
- C. Alan brought up the Jake's Market wetlands issue.
  - After the January Meeting with the abutter, and Alan's letter, the DES has started a follow up on the complaint.
- D. Shirley spoke about a concern she has with the Planning Board approving articles without giving Conservation Commission timely notice for our consideration.
  - Jerold spoke about having someone from our group represented in an official manner at this meeting. He asked that we reach out to the town manager for a letter of approval.
  - The question was raised on whether we should be represented at the Select board and Zoning Commission meetings too.
  - Alan and Jerold will meet with Ryan to discuss this and how we can get more timely information.

- E. Jerold spoke about the need for another Conservation Commission member that would preferably be a civil engineer that could provide a better connection with the other town committees.
- F. Dolores spoke on the Town Wildflower Contest.
  - She is finishing her work on the posters to be circulated town wide. They would be 11" x 17", have a picture of the 5 candidates, and include a narrative about each flower.
  - We discussed the \$1.00 donation requested for each vote and all felt we should not
    do this. We could have a donation box at voting locations with a note saying
    "Donations accepted for future projects".
  - Jerold wants to deliver the posters to the Mascoma Middle and High School. He will provide a note saying "for Enfield residents only".
  - Dolores will get posters out, get it on the town website and list serve, and will ask us for help if needed.
- G. Jay spoke about the memorial bench for Gary Gaudette. He spoke to Rob from Shaker Hill Granite. He only deals with thin granite for inside surfaces, but has connections in the industry if we want to pursue granite.
  - Jay recommended we stay with a wood bench with a brass or metal plaque as we originally discussed.
  - Dolores will look into the company that made the memorial bench across from the Mascoma Bank.
- H. Alan mentioned that a neighbor to the Harris Brook Park reached out to him about plowing the parking lot and clearing a path to the reservoir. No one had a problem with this being done.
- I. Meeting adjoined at 8:05 pm. Shirley made a motion and Alan seconded it. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Welenc