

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2019
Department of Public Works' Building
(Copy in italics represents the actual agenda items)

Present: Shirley Green (SG), Sue Hagerman (SH), Alan Strickland (AS), Terry Terry (TT), Jerold Theis (JT) and John Welenc (JW)

Excused: Dolores Struckhoff (DS)

7:03 pm: Call meeting to order

Approval of September minutes: TT move to approve minutes as written, SH second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Town Report: *Alisa wants to put milkweed on cover of the 2020 Town Report. Also to include on the following pages would be information about the artist and a page containing information on the milkweed. Need to gather information to be ready for print.*

AS to facilitate this process.

Mowing: *Jim Taylor sent a mower to the Colette Trail meadow off of Grafton Pond Road. The Commission has been having great difficulty finding someone to mow this area. The mowing is done to create some wildlife diversity.*

AS stated that it has become increasingly difficult to find someone to do this, and Jim Taylor has kindly taken care of this this year. AS to look at budget to see if it was taken out. This may be the way to go in the future rather than looking for outside contracting.

Budget report: *Expenses to date, email to members.*

All expressed desire to table until next week as such time, as Dolores can be present.

JT submitted bench bill to AS. TT made a motion to repay Jerold in the full amount of the bench costs, SG second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (6-0).

Budget Planning for 2020: *Anticipated projects and cost. On hold until Dolores is present.*

Town Wildflower Painting: *Contact Majorie Carr to put in historical archives. Alisa said to have it framed and put somewhere.*

AS to contact Marjorie to discuss archives.

Park bench dedication ceremony: *John Welenc has offered to lead dedication ceremony with Barb Gaudette. Date to be determined.*

JW spoke with Barb. She is excited to see it.

Invitees: Barb's neighborhood, Barb's friends, Conservation Commission, CIP, Mascoma Lake Association, other town officials, Hypertherm, and Ryan A. AS to contact Ryan A. regarding how to get

press there, and how to get the event announced in the town newsletter. JW will reach out to neighborhood, confirm date with Barb, Alison Flint with Lake Association.

Date/Time: 11/9, at 1 pm. SH to find appropriate poem for the event.

SH to kick off with poem, AS next as chair, JW to speak, then open the floor. JW to do 'tie up' at end.

JW to put together message from Conservation Commission to thank him for his 18 years of service. Will also open up to people who want to say anything.

Moose Mountain Trail: Update on response No response yet. AS follow up next month.

Correspondence: *Jim Oehler, Fish & Game, phone call to Alan Strickland regarding beaver dam on Cole Pond Bridge. Beavers used the bridge as part of their dam, making the trail and bridge almost impassable because of high water. He wanted to see if the Town could remove dam. Strickland called Jim Taylor, and Town cleared the bridge on 9/26/19. Fish & Game to trap beavers the following week. Trapper is having problems with beaver. He has to go far upstream to trap for fear hurting the numerous dogs that frequent the trail. Beavers have started rebuilding below the bridge, which is creating the same problem. As of 10/01/19 the trail is functional.*

Ongoing.

JT made a point that off leash dogs present a host of issues. Leash law is town wide, not just off trails. Table until future meeting.

DES to Elizabeth Jewell, between 41 & 37 NH Route 4A, Enfield, NH says there is no record of permitting a dock and deck on and over Mascoma Lake, and constructing a path to the water. DES would like a response to the complaint that work was done w/o a permit. DS is looking into this.

Intent to Cut: None

Zoning Ordinances: *Town of Enfield, Article VI Conservation Management, updated changes to better reflect the Commission's #600 preamble.*

TT request addition of trails to this preamble to read: ...escarpments, sensitive ecological areas, views, **and trails**. Much was added by this group.

Changes to be made by JT and submitted to the Select Board.

SH made a motion to approve addition to #600 preamble, SG second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (6-0).

Annual meeting of NH Conservation Commissions Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, "A Balancing Act Between Thoughtful Development and protection on NH's Natural Resources."

Adjourn

Having no other business AS adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

SH made motion to adjourn, TT second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (6-0).