

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order via Zoom.

Attendance: Shirley Green (SG), Sue Hagerman (SH) arrived 7:14, Alan Strickland (AS), Dolores Struckhoff (DS), Terry Terry (TT), Jerold Theis (JT), and Jay Welenc (JW)

Minutes: October minutes: TT moved to accept the minutes, JW second and the motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

Updates: Eastman Charitable Foundation's talk on climate change.

Discussion: Compiled information from DES on how to live a lifestyle with minimized carbon imprint. Recording to view presentation here:

<https://youtu.be/qFFrF2QvUoU>

Mascoma River erosion: Kathy Stark, property owner on the house and lot on corner of Main Street and Oak Grove Road, Map#31, Lot#18-B, called Town to request to talk with persons on the Conservation Commission. Monday, 11/01/20, Alan and Jerold met with Kathy Stark to look at the natural erosion on her property by high water from the Mascoma River. Alan and Jerry recommended that she meet with Jim Taylor from DPW to see what steps she can take. Jerry suggested that Stark document the erosion.

Discussion: This process could be very costly. State owns waterway but does not manage the erosion. Previous riprap was put in by town due to road washing out but does not appear that town will be responsible for the current situation. Will continue to provide consult but advised that Stark consult with Jim Taylor.

Correspondence:

DES to Mr. and Mrs. Pettola to inform there was a complaint of possible violations on their property, Map#46, Lot#16, Crystal Lake. The Pettolas have 20 days to respond to provide plans, permits or other information related to this matter.

Discussion: AS to send the letter to the members of this committee.

DES to MK Property Enterprises, Map#6, Lot#43, Smith Pond Road, to inform there was a complaint of possible violations on property, a breach in a skid trail that allow surface runoff into Smith Pond Brook. Owner has 20 days to respond with information related to this matter. DES to Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, to follow up on the above. DES field inspection did not observe the complaint above. Case Closed.

Discussion: May not be a problem anymore. DES could not find breach, case closed.

DES to Town of Enfield regarding notice of acceptance of Shoreland Permit Application, Map#28, Lot#11, Mascoma Lake.

DES to Keith and Athena Nicholson, Map#46, Lot#17, Crystal Lake, regarding a possible violation on property, creating a sandy beach by placing sand on the shoreline and below high water line of Crystal Lake without a permit or proper authorization from NHDES. Owners have 20 days to respond with related information.

DES to Edson Revocable Trust, Map#46, Lot#27, Crystal Lake, regarding approval for a Wetland and Non-Site Specific Permit to impact 260 square feet of bank in order to replace 61 linear feet of existing wall.

DES to Enfield Board of Selectmen regarding acceptance of an application for an individual Subsurface Disposal System, Map#9, Lot#7-1B, Palmer Road.

ZBA, Planning Board, and Rob Taylor: Rob sent Commission two applications to review, Thomas Dubuque Area Variance and Liberty Utilities Scenic Roads.

Discussion: Does not appear to present a problem per this committee. The property does not seem to impact the waterway or make violation of environmental issues. This committee appreciates being kept in the loop of items that create possible environmental impact.

Natural Resource Inventory: Commission met on 10/09/20 at Community Building to look at NRI maps and discussed how to update inventory. Next step is to form sub-committee and proceed to make changes and updates.

Discussion: JT is compiling map of properties that cross natural corridors from previous maps. It is a painstaking process. JT will ask if he can place game cameras on the properties to collect quantitative data for wildlife use of the corridors to make case for preservation of these spaces. JT described analysis that would take place once this data is collected. JW would like to know how this group can help – this group will be kept apprised as the process progresses. This will create an addendum to the 2004 report submitted by Celie Aufiero, which is a good start but may need updating. AS also has wetlands to add to the map that he does not believe are marked at this time. Game cameras are available at Walmart and cost about \$25/per. Could use CC funds to cover this. The batteries run about 6 mos. Seasons could create a problem but this needs to be created before Master Plan is done – in case Master Plan changes zoning ordinances.

JT is going to visit Rob Taylor regarding change in ordinance of 2019 to get approved – unsure what procedure is. There has been no response since it was submitted in September 2019. JT will follow up.

Dues: NHACC dues are due, \$325, need motion to pay.

DS made motion, SH second, unanimous vote in favor of the motion (6-0).

Budget: Commission has surplus of \$2,148.

JT will let the committee know when the time is right to possibly purchase cameras, if needed.

Three Acre Island: Steps to identify ownership

Discussion: DS read aloud Julie Huntley letter (paraphrased): Have never been able to find owner. Perhaps find surveyor and create deed? May need lawyer.

ST move to continue investigating legal ownership of parcel – start with town lawyer with possible allocation of funds for further investigation – DS second, the vote was unanimous in favor of motion (6-0).

DS discuss next steps with John Kluge, possibly town manager, will keep this group apprised. AS to send DS email with brief description and approximate acreage of island for current purposes.

Other discussion:

SH: was the Crystal Lake property the one that the ZBA denied variance? SG: Yes, and there are now 30 days to appeal, if they do not appeal they need to take it down. JT: A more pressing issue is the erosion that will be caused by the vegetation that was removed. This is currently in DES hands; this group wants to give them a chance to handle it and will observe.

Intent to cut: None

Adjourn 7:52 pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted
by Alice Kennedy*