

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020

7:43 pm: Meeting called to order via Zoom after much technical difficulty.

Attendance: Shirley Green (SG), Dolores Struckhoff (DS), Terry Terry (TT), Jerold Theis (JT), and Jay Welenc (JW)

Interim Chair: DS moved to appoint JT Interim Chair, JW seconded, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Minutes: November minutes: DS moved to accept the minutes, SG seconded, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Corrections: DS to make correction on page 2: at part about 3 acre island change ST to SH.

Observations: Lots of beaver activity on the Bicknell Brook. Also, a landowner has put an “Ozark” type bridge spanning the brook. All is on his property, but his property does abut Town property. There are two cut log ends placed on Town property along with some fir branches over a wet area, which may have been placed there to more easily access the Colette Trail. Ongoing monitoring will take place.

Discussion: JW: Rob Taylor will keep an eye on the beaver activity.

Correspondence:

Hayley Plamondon to Town of Enfield: Alisa received an e-mail from Hayley concerning beaver activity on the rail trail near the Enfield/Lebanon border, Johnston Road. Alan Strickland visited the site twice and called Jim Taylor, DPW director who said the Town would look at and monitor the situation.

Rob Taylor, Zoning Administrator: Rob is committed to keeping the Commission current on the ZBA meetings. The December 8th meeting will discuss the installation of solar panels on top of the salt sheds at DPW. The site plan will be discussed. Rob wanted to let the Commission pose any questions, comments, or concerns.

Discussion: JT does not think solar panels will cause difficulty, JW agrees. No one on this Commission had any questions or complaints. This Commission appreciates Rob Taylor’s commitment to keeping this Commission current on ZBA meetings.

DES to Lisa Degeorge, Map#22, Lot#26, Foster Circle, Mascoma Lake, for approval of a Shoreland Impact Permit to impact 7,330 square feet of shoreland in order to remove the primary structure with two (2) decks, concrete pad, two (2) retaining walls and a patio to construct a primary structure with a deck, replace the waterline, and install a septic system.

Discussion: JT: Am I correct to assume the existing house will be replaced with another house on the same footprint? JT would like to request plans and have TT look at plans so this

Commission can make comments to DES. Would like to look at the construction wall to see how far from the water line it will be. All agree.

DES to Jean/Timothy Labombard, Map#28, Lot#11, Shaker Boulevard, Mascoma Lake for approval of a Shoreland Impact Permit to impact 8,575 square feet in order to remove the nonconforming primary structure with a deck to construct a conforming primary structure with two (2) open porches and an attached garage, reconstruct the stepped pathway, construct stormwater management, reconfigure the driveway, re-grade, and install a septic system.

Discussion: JT thinks this Commission needs to see the plans to review to be sure septic is approved by the state and regrading will not create erosion problems. All on Commission agree.

DES to Keith and Athena Nicholson, Map#46, Lot#17, Crystal Lake, for a notice of past violation of replenishing sand on their beach w/o a permit. A site visit inspection was conducted by DES. DES informed Nicholsons that a permit is needed to replenish sand.

Discussion: May be typo above per JW re: Labombards vs Nicholsons?

DS moved that AS write to DES and ask for plans for DeGeorge property and Labombard property, SG second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Harris Brook Scenic Area: Jerry will combine all data compiled over the last six years into a summary report to be sent to BOS and Conservation website.

Discussion: JT compiled. Wants to make sure that the conclusions that he made are agreed upon by this Commission, would like to send to BoS and Planning Commissions as a good example of a spike in visits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This illustrates the value of these conserved areas. All on this Commission agree. Would like to illustrate that the age range is from 10 months to 90 years old. Good, flat area to visit for all ages. Trash continues to be a problem and black flies are a nuisance (late May and June dips due to this likely). DS: Might be nice to post pack it in, pack it out, signs on all local trails, TT agreed). JT: Many teens are swimming in the summer but need signs that say to take out your garbage. JT will look into; TT suggests we allocate funds for this as well. DS suggest tasteful burnt wood signs with movement toward consistency in signage for town. DS suggests discussing this with AS when he is available. SG suggests that it should blend into the environment. All agree.

SG: Thank you JT for these records, they really show how important our trails are, JW agree. Forms are useful, DS suggest updating. JT would update himself. If anyone on this Commission has updates to the questionnaire, please send to JT.

Natural Resource Inventory: Update from sub Commission.

Discussion: JT is working on this, has got 2/3 of properties in Enfield identified as to map, block and lot numbers. compiling data from 2003 and 2004. Unsure of accuracy of owners but is finding parcels overlapping. Need to preserve corridors for wildlife to get to all of their usual places. JT continues to look for maps updated past 2004. Inventory could be ready as early as next year, depending on how accurate records are and how much correcting work needs to be

done. Will continue to work off of records produced by Celie Aufiero, the work done led by her was extremely helpful and complete. Also need to be mindful of the R1 area that only has one road of egress. DS will take these concerns to the Master Planning Task Force. TT suggests digitizing any maps created going forward. May look into following up with the company that digitized them to get copies.

Three Acre Island: Steps to identify ownership. Dolores to give updates on findings.

Discussion: DS conferring with Town. Will discuss it with Interim Town Manager, may have to budget attorney money for next year. One abutter claimed a while ago that he owned it, Angus Durocher, so a discussion will proceed. There are no tax records, it is not on a deeded map, will ask Interim Town Manager and Attorney, to further discussions.

Ordinance 600: Update from Jerry Theis

Discussion: JT sent a copy of recommendations from 2019 to this Commission. Request submitted for change in ordinance in 9/2019, and JT took it to Rob Taylor. Rob took it to BoS and Planning Board, request for a change will be brought up BoS this Monday, Planning Board Wednesday. If rejected, could alternatively get 26 signatures from the community to get it on the March warrant.

As a reminder, these recommendations regard addition of other considerations to natural resources beyond water, to include wildlife forests, wetlands, vernal pools, trails and bogs. This Commission will wait to see what BoS and the Planning Board do. SG will be in attendance for BoS meeting.

Intent to cut: None

Reminder: No meeting scheduled for January?

DS: Why don't we have a meeting in January?

JT moved to meet in January, JW seconded, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Next meeting Thursday, January 7, 2021.

JT moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm, DS seconded, the vote was unanimous favor of the motion (5-0).

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kennedy