

Enfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021

7:07 pm: Call meeting to order via Zoom.

Attendance:

Excused: Sue Hagerman, Dolores Struckhoff

Present: Alan Strickland (AS), Jerold Theis (JT), Jay Welenc (JW), Shirley Green (SG), Terry Terry (TT)

Public: Charles Clark, Joel King, Celie Aufiero

Minutes: Approval of January and February minutes. Tabled to next month.

Discussion:

AS: Moving forward, the draft minutes will be sent to the Commission to review post meeting. The edits will be reviewed on the next call for approval as amended and Alice will make edits and send revision to Commission with cc to Alisa.

SG made motion to proceed with minutes as above, TT seconded, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (5-0).

Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Section 600, Article VI: Conservation Management within Enfield's *Zoning and Flood Plain Development Ordinance*: This is now a non-issue, but petition article will have to go forward under NH Law.

Discussion:

AS: Regret the confusion this may have caused.

SG: Believe it was positive, many understood what the Conservation Commission does; this deepened the understanding of the town. It's important that people understand that the Planning Board, Heritage Commission and Conservation Commission should be working together to preserve natural resources and history to be intertwined with the development of the town.

JT: Many wrote positive replies and were happy to understand more about the CC. We don't have regulatory authority power, we have the power of persuasion, not the power of legislation.

JW: There may have been some misunderstanding of the intent.

TT: I saw it as a clarification, that the CC has no power(s), but not many in the public understand that.

AS: Question – should we post something to the Listserv about the discussion regarding the RSA?

JW: We may need a statement as a group.

Decision: This group decided not to post something to the listserv at this time.

47 **Announcement:**

48 JT was recently voted on to the Board of NH Conservation Commissions for four years. Will
49 work to represent Enfield but, also surrounding areas to work together.
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51 **Introductions of the public:**

52 Joel King: Been a member of the Enfield community for 8 years, would like to attend these
53 meetings. While this board may not directly have legislative power, their stance on issues
54 influences and educates voters when it is time to vote on articles etc.
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56 Charles Clark: Served on CC in the 80s.
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58 Celie Aufiero: Would like to look further to understand why Conservation District is not in
59 Zoning.
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61 **Monitoring of the Colette/Bicknell Brook Trail:** Strickland met with Micah Tilles from the
62 UVLT to walk and inspect trail. Noted areas of concern regarding abutters.
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64 **Discussion:**

65 AS: Some concerns regarding property abutters, one is fine, one is creating some problems with
66 his snowmobile and has it on record with the Upper Valley Land Trust. Does not appear to be
67 using the trails that were cut last year.
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69 JT: We have fulfilled our responsibility in reporting to BOS, may not pursue at this time.
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71 **Intent to cut:**

72 Tax map#7, Lot#6 Jeffrey Reed, Smith Pond Road
73 Tax map#7, Lot#8, Greg Baker, Smith Pond Road/JT reviewed
74 Tax map#15, Lot#26, Eric Schindler, Jones Hill Road
75 Tax map#17, Lot#2, Don Clifford, Choate Road
76 Tax map#6, Lot#23, Barbara Patch, Methodist Hill Road
77 Tax map#2, Lot#55, Thomas Bonardi, Rice Road
78 Tax map#25, Lot#3, Lloyd Hackeman, Fuller Road
79 Tax map#13, Lot#22, Diana Baxter, Blood Road
80 Tax map#13, Lot#7, Sara Dole, Oak Hill Road
81 Tax map#13, Lot#3,4,5, Eric Darmstaedter, Oak Hill Road
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83 **Discussion:**

84 JT: Review of maps that were reviewed by JW, SG and JT. They were very useful in evaluating
85 the above.

86 Block 8 and Block 6 do not present any real issues at this time.

87 Map 15 is also designated as prime farmland soil. There is an obligation to protect the shoreline
88 buffer here. There could also be erosion and sedimentation into bodies of water here, so some
89 monitoring of timber cutting here might be prudent. DES should be notified.

90 Celie Aufiero: I would be concerned if there were prime wetlands in there, and I would be sure
91 they know that they need a permit.

92 SG: The purpose of the natural inventory is to provide information, and we should provide this
93 information that they may not necessarily be aware of.

94 Joel King: If the pieces of land have characteristics of a wetland or other, people should know.

96 AS: We don't want to run the risk of becoming too involved in property rights.

98 JT: This should not be a complaint, it should just be notifying DES that these properties have
99 these characteristics.

101 JT make motion that Enfield CC send notice regarding characteristics of land that has an intent
102 to cut to DES or appropriate state body. SG second.

104 **Discussion:**

105 AS: I believe this is beyond the purview of this group.

106 JW: I think a process needs to be developed, what is the Natural Resources Inventory for?
107 Communication and education should happen with the Natural Resources Inventory. This
108 committee can provide this as a service.

109 TT: Inventory is not complete and is not public knowledge. Once the inventory is done and the
110 public can see it, then it can be used to educate.

111 JW: I think we need to put a process in place, we need to think about how we can use that
112 information effectively.

114 The vote was 2-4 against the motion.

116 Celie Aufiero: The dream is to have a map to help develop the town in a way that you can
117 develop **around** the natural resources.

119 **Correspondence:** DES to Andrew and Theresa Pettola, map#46, lot#16, Crystal Lake Road,
120 regarding site inspection:

- 121 1. Vegetation was significantly removed within the Waterfront Buffer Zone beyond
122 permissible limits. In addition, the duff layer and all-natural groundcover in this area had
123 been covered with landscaping bark-mulch, which is a violation. Some vegetation in this
124 area also appeared to have been targeted with herbicides, which is a violation.
- 125 2. Vegetation (trees, shrubs, and groundcover) were removed from the Natural Woodland
126 Buffer Zone, leaving less than the requirement, which is a violation.
- 127 3. Wharfs: Since 2017 two wharfs have been constructed in the bank of Crystal Lake
128 without a permit or proper authorization from DES, which is a violation.
- 129 4. A floating jet-ski lift has also been installed without a permit or proper authorization from
130 DES, which is a violation.

131 In response, DES request the following:

- 133 1. Immediately remove the unpermitted floating jet-ski lift from the water.
- 134 2. By January 25, 2021 please retain a qualified environmental consultant and notify DES
135 the name and address.

3. By February 28, 2021 please submit a shoreland restoration plan to DES.
4. Removal of the two wharfs.
5. If compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further action. DES personnel may re-inspect the property for compliance.
6. DES to Lisa Degeorge, Map#22, Lot#26, Foster Circle, Mascoma Lake for Shoreland Permit Application amended to impact 7330 square foot of protected shoreland in order to remove the primary structure with two (2) decks, replace the waterline, and install a septic system. Application was approved with amended impact.

Budget: review. Check for \$1,250.00 from Town of Enfield to be deposited in Conservation Fund.

Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Commission: Review of positions.

AS submit resignation as chair and nominate Jay Welenc as new chair. JW going to think about it.

SG: If JW declines we should discuss with JT due to extensive time commitment. Will discuss again at next meeting.

Natural Resource Inventory: Update from subcommittee.

Other business:

JT: 2 Aluminum signs created for trash removal from park, will let committee know when invoice comes in, will be placed at Harris Brook.

JT: Would like to ask TT to take resource inventory map and review farm areas to see how many are operational as farms or have houses on them. TT cannot at this time, but perhaps in the future.

SG: Old home days will be a one-day event on July 24th with all outdoor activities, CC will plan hike for that day.

SG made a motion to adjourn, AS second, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Adjourn 8:08 pm