

Enfield Conservation Commission  
Public Works Facility, Enfield  
Meeting of August 4, 2016

**Present:** Shirley Green; Sue Hagerman; Dwight Marchetti; Alan Strickland, Chairman; Paula Gillen, Recorder

**Guest:** Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager; Peter Hugo

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Review of May 2016 minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Marchetti to accept the May 2016 minutes as written. This was seconded by Mr. Strickland and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**Harris Brook Reservoir Recreation Area:**

The Town selectmen went on record that no boats are allowed to be stored on Town property at Harris Brook. Town Manager Steve Schneider sent a letter (see attachment) to Harris Brook abutters alerting them of this regulation with July 15 set as removal deadline. On July 19 Mr. Strickland, Dr. Theis and Town employees cleared the property of two boats, a wooden dock, a tire and a folding chair. The culvert was also cleaned.

**Mascoma Lakefront Park:**

On June 16, 2016, Mr. Strickland sent a letter of support (see attachment) to the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Committee for the Town's grant application to manage Mascoma Lake lots near the rail trail. Scott Osgood's letter dated Wednesday, June 15, requesting the Conservation Commission's support, was received on Thursday, June 16, with the deadline for the letter being Friday, June 17, 2016.

**Eastern Propane Whaleback Wetland Application:**

Mr. Strickland and Dr. Theis reviewed Eastern Propane's wetland application to fill 1300 sq ft of wetland soil to allow propane trucks to load safely off the access road. After looking at the site, Mr. Strickland and Dr. Theis recommended the plan be modified to not include any fill beyond the tree line shown on the map. Beyond this tree line are more sensitive wetlands and possibly a vernal pool. There was a little standing water there. Mr. Strickland then called Jeff Taylor to inform him the Commission would not sign any permit unless the plan was modified.

Mr. Strickland and Dr. Theis met with Barry Keith, an environmental consultant with B.H. Keith Associates for Eastern Propane, on the site near Whaleback Ski Area. Mr. Keith presented plans for the filling of a small amount of wetlands for propane truck turnaround. There was discussion about the drainage ditch. A portion of the drainage ditch will be moved 5 feet closer to fill the slope if possible.

On July 29 Mr. Keith stated they were making changes to reduce the size of wetland disturbance and the drainage ditch was being brought closer to fill the slope. He was sending revised drawings to reflect the changes.

Mr. Strickland signed the Eastern Propane wetland application after receiving the new plans for the truck turnaround which provides for 525 sq. feet of wooded upland to remain in a natural state. The plan provides an added buffer to the natural wetlands while providing measures to treat storm water runoff from the site (see attached letter).

**Boys Camp Road Bridge:**

Mr. Strickland, Dr. Theis, Jim Taylor and bridge engineer, Mike Hansen, met at the Boys Camp Bridge site. Mr. Hansen discussed in length the details of the Boys Camp Bridge removal. The foundation will be kept in place. The bridge bed will act as a net to remove cement blocks and guardrails. Then the steel beams will be sawed lengthwise. Sections of the bridge will be slid onto the road without dropping debris into the stream.

**Loons on Harris Brook Reservoir:**

Mr. Strickland has been following a loon nest at the reservoir. He met there with Ethan Gorman from the Loon Preservation Committee. Mr. Gorman confirmed it was a loon nest. An eggshell fragment visible in the nest indicated the chick hatched, and perhaps a predator took the chick. With confirmation of the loon nest at the reservoir, there is concern that a dam breach could cause the water level to be too low to support loons.

**Tree Cutting on Crystal Lake:**

Mr. Strickland sent in a complaint form to DES on a Crystal Lake lot. See Correspondence below.

**New Business:**

John Downing, Map #12, Lot #021, Lockhaven Road, Wetlands Permit Application. A vote is needed to expedite.

Mr. Marchetti expressed concerns that in the spring the proposed 3-ft culvert could capture a tremendous amount of water and expel it forcefully, not allowing for gradual dissipation, potentially causing a worse erosion problem and adding to the flow of water and silt into Crystal Lake. Mr. Strickland estimated that a 3-ft culvert is needed as a great deal of water comes through the property.

Peter Hugo shared residents' concerns of increased vegetation and silt at Crystal Lake secondary to increased runoff and suggested utilizing a boundary of hay bales to slow the runoff.

The Commission members will visit the site prior to voting.

**Harris Brook Work Day:**

A work day at Harris Brook Dam will be scheduled.

**New York Times Article:**

Dr. Theis informed Mr. Strickland of a New York Times magazine article outlining the positive effects on the brain from visiting nature and suggested referencing it on the Commission's web site.

**Correspondence:**

DES to Michael and Donna Kirk, Map #44, Lot #26. DES conducted an inspection and concluded that some quadrants were deficient in points and requested a more detailed grid system. On July 30, 2016 DES received a Pre-Removal Tree Tally Report and a Post-Removal Tree Tally Report prepared by Leo Maslin, a NH Professional Licensed Forester. According to the report, all four grids on the waterfront property had adequate points on each grid as not to constitute a violation. The case is closed.

DES to Town of Enfield for Lovejoy Brook: Permit approved.

DES to Robert Foley, Map #44, Lot #36, Shoreland Impact Permit, approved. Remove existing cottage within 50-ft setback and replace with residential structure outside the 50-ft setback.

DES to Town of Enfield for replacing the culvert on Bog Road: Permit approved.

DES to Daniel and Linda Kerrigan, Map #21, Lot #36, along the Mascoma River, Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit which allows the repair of 65 linear ft. of retaining wall and install 20 linear ft. of rocks placed in the voids within the bank, and repair existing stairs in the bank.

**Intent to Cut:**

Peter Rankin, Map #6, Lot #5, Follensbee Road. Thirty acres to be cut.

Michael Wilson, Map #2, Lot #27-1, Methodist Hill Rd. Twenty acres to be cut.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Marchetti to adjourn. This was seconded by Ms. Hagerman and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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July 28, 2016

Mr. Allan Strickland, Chair  
Enfield Conservation Commission  
Town of Enfield  
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*RE: Revised Plans- Eastern Propane & Gas, Inc., Enfield, N.H.*

Dear Allan,

Pursuant to our site meeting and discussions regarding minimizing tree removal, I have met with the project engineer regarding revising the site drainage to reduce the need for tree removal and grading adjacent to the nearby wetlands.

The revised plan (see attached) provides for approximately 525 square feet of wooded upland to remain in a natural state. The limits of clearing depicted on the original plans were within 5-13 feet from the edge of wetland. As revised, the limits of clearing are approximately 15-24 feet from the wetlands.

This plan provides for added buffer to the natural wetlands while providing measures to treat stormwater runoff from the site.

I hope the revised plans address your comments and concerns. Attached please find five (5) copies to replace the plan sets provided with the original application. Should these plans prove sufficient, please sign the Expedited Application and forward the original and the four copies to the town clerk for signature and distribution.

Should you have any questions or comment, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Barry H. Keith, CWS, PWS

## ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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06/16/16

P.O. Box 373, Enfield, New Hampshire 03748

To: Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Committee  
From: Enfield Conservation Commission  
Re: Letter of support

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enfield is blessed to have an abundance of natural resources. The last 10 years have seen increased interest in the citizens of Enfield for conservation of these resources. The Town has protected over 170 acres of forest along Bicknell Brook, voted to give a donation to the Upper Valley Land Trust to conserve 995 acres in Enfield, and voted to extend a sewer line along the west side of Mascoma Lake so that lakeside houses and camps no longer will have to depend on septic systems.

The Town and State are moving forward an agreement for the Town to manage two lakefront lots at the North West end of the new Shaker Bridge.

This grant would allow the town to maximize the educational and community-building aspects of the two lakefront lots. These lots include 1200 feet of shoreline with stunning views south and west toward a protected 5000 acres contiguous forest. Funding for a building would provide a site for educational sessions and materials, and a space for community gatherings. The Enfield Conservation Commission anticipates offering education on shoreland protection, wildlife, and environmental issues associated with Mascoma Lake and Mascoma River.

It is with great enthusiasm that the Enfield Conservation Commission supports the Town's efforts to secure this grant.

Sincerely,



Alan Strickland, Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission



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June 10, 2016

Jennifer & Matthew Walker  
PO Box 853  
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Dear Jennifer & Matthew,

I am writing to inform you about a recent rules change for the Harris Brook Reservoir Recreation Area. As you know the Town of Enfield owns the property and has established rules for the use of the park. At the June 6, 2016 Enfield Board of Selectmen meeting, the rules were updated to formally allow non-motorized boating on the reservoir, and to not allow the storage of boats or boating equipment on the property. We are sending out letters to the abutters to make them aware of the changes and also to give you a chance to remove a boat if you have one stored at the site. Any boats remaining on the site after July 15<sup>th</sup> will be removed and stored at the Enfield DPW building. Hopefully these changes make sense as we try and make the site a truly enjoyable place for all visitors. I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter. I may be reached at 632-5026 or [sschneider@enfield.nh.us](mailto:sschneider@enfield.nh.us).

Respectfully,

Steven P. Schneider  
Town Manager

Cc: Enfield Conservation Commission  
Jim Taylor, Public Works Director