

Enfield Conservation Minutes
January 5, 2019

11:00AM : Special meeting of the Conservation Commission at Whitney Hall

Present: Sharon Beaufait, Alan Strickland, Jay Welenc, and Jerry Theis.

Dolores Struckoff, Shirley Green and Sue Hagerman were excused due to the short notice of the meeting.

Topic: Jake's Market on Route 4 and wetland impact. The Commission agreed to send a letter (see below) requesting DES investigate whether the removal of brush and channel cleaning described in the application as A2 is necessary, and if so, to outline the environmental impact of A2. Jerry Theis also wanted DES to look at the wetland drainage issue on the west side of the property.

01/05/19

To: Seta Detzel
Wetlands Bureau
Re: File 2018-3786
29 Hazen Dr. / PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

From: Enfield Conservation Commission
PO Box 373
Enfield, NH 03748

Re: Tax Map#33, Lot#32 & 34, (Jake's Market on Route 4 in Enfield, NH)

Dear Seta,

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on January 3, the Enfield Conservation Commission met on January 5. At this meeting the Commission agreed to request that DES investigate whether the removal of brush and channel cleaning, described in Jake's Market application as A2, is necessary and if so, to outline the environment impact of A2. One member of the Commission also requests that DES look at the wetland drainage issue on the west side of the property.

On November 2, 2017, Mr. Fiore and Mr. Bergeron met with the Enfield Conservation Commission to discuss the Jake's Market project in Enfield. At this meeting, the Commission understood that only wetland disturbance would be a ditch, described as A1

between Lots 32 & 34, allowing water to drain into the Mascoma River. Recently, Enfield residents have contacted the Conservation Commission expressing concern about an additional wetland disturbance. Last week, I reviewed Jake's application and found mention of A2, another temporary wetland impact of 1800 sq. ft. to the north that is described as a "a vegetated channel within the wetland above the existing culver, 36", on Lot 32."

Below are the minutes from the Enfield Conservation meeting on November 2, 2017 regarding Map#33, Lot#32 and 34:

Nik Fiore and Bruce Bergeron, Jake's Market

"Nik Fiore, an engineer, and Bruce Bergeron, owner of property on Main Street, came to the Commission to speak about replacing a culvert on Main Street located on property that is planned to become Jake's Market. Nik said he was on the agenda at a meeting at the DPW for expedited approval for culvert work on this property. Nik said during a meeting with Jim Taylor, concerns about springtime flooding at the substation were discussed. Bruce and Nik explained that years ago, the town did some kind of work on this property, and material had washed off the site and filled in a drainage ditch. Over time, vegetation grew in this area; this appears to be because water had come through the drainage swale. Nik and Bruce requested feedback from the Commission about cleaning out the drainage ditch.

Nik showed the Commission several photos of the area in question, showing cracks in asphalt where the culvert is located. The culvert itself needs work; the photos show vegetation growing around the culvert area. Nik said he had looked through town files and could not find what work had been done there. He added that they will need a little more survey information and wetland delineation to get this culvert work done. Nik said he is not sure of the impact extent but the goal is to keep it low as possible.

Alan asked if this work would impact the pool by the post office. Nik responded the work will entail cutting the vegetation and removing roots and stumps in the channel of the culvert. Right now, silt and sediment is blocking the culvert and it's essentially nonfunctioning.

Nik asked the Commission to let them know they have feedback or advice. Shirley said that it was good that Nik and Bruce went to DES as the agency will help guide them. The Commission thanked Nik and Bruce for coming in."

Thank you for consideration of this request,

Alan Strickland, Chairman, Enfield Conservation Commission