

Conservation Commission

Minutes

November 5, 2007

Attendees: Len Reitsma (chair), Kate Brooks, Elizabeth Chabot, Aaron Allen, Alice Schori, Kris Burnett, Guest: Al Strickland, chair of the Enfield CCC

Canaan Street Lake Proposal

- A proposal has been submitted to study the current turbidity and other quality factors of the Canaan Street Lake
- Len expects the proposal to be funded.
- The CCC would like to contribute \$1,000 towards this study. We need to post a public hearing in order to do so. (Will hold at the December meeting)
- Len to find out the timeframe for the DES decision.

Round Table Meeting (in lieu of the Annual Lecture)

- Bob Walker is the head of a non-profit that specializes in home-owner related practical applications for alternative energy use. Possibly he could be interested in spearheading this meeting?

Zoning Meeting

- The general consensus is that the town doesn't want it. Overall, the meeting was unpleasant but there were some good points made. It's unlikely to be on the ballot this year.

Other Business

- Kate attended the Dave Barney meeting regarding concern about siltation in Goose Pond by Marshall Bridge.
- Len and Aaron went to the "dump parcel". Len was impressed with the quality of the forest. He suggests construction of a public hiking trail and may suggest making an appropriate cut. Jim Burnett is working on a forest inventory. It would be interesting to connect to the rail trail.
- Dave Barney suggested to Kate that it would be good for CCC members to attend the budget meetings from time to time.
- Jamie mailed out letters about Tax Breaks for easements to owners of 40+ acres
- Len announced that he will not be able to continue as chair of the CCC, although he fully anticipates participating as a member. We will need a new point of contact. Aaron seemed interested in taking over the 'field work' if someone would take on more of the clerical and support duties. General opinion of the group was that Bill Chabot would be a good teammate for Aaron. Bill was absent from the meeting and could not comment. This will be determined at the December meeting.

Minute approval from October:

Len moved to approve the minutes as presented

Dave Seconded the motion

Dave moved to Adjourn

Aaron seconded the motion

Next meeting: December 3, 2007