

Enfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/MICROSOFT
TEAMS PLATFORM
January 4, 2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Leigh Davis (via Teams),
Shirley Green (Chair), Edward Rippe (Vice-Chair), Carol Wyman, John Welenc

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Plumley Stewart
(Selectboard Representative),

STAFF PRESENT: Whitney Banker-Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and took attendance.

II. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES: December 7, 2023

A. December 7, 2023

Mr. Welenc MOVED to approve the December 7, 2023, Minutes presented in the January 4, 2024, agenda packet as amended.

Seconded by Ms. Wyman

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (5-0).*

Amendments:

Line 44- “less interested in selling” vs. “more interested in selling” – check recording and clarify.

Roll Call Vote:

Leah Davis, Shirley Green, Ed Rippe, Carol Wyman, John Welenc all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

None Abstained.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair Election

Ms. Green opened the nominations for Chair.

Mr. Welenc said he is unable to be Chair at this time due to his workload.

Ms. Green said that she is able and willing to be Chair.

41 **Mr. Rippe MOVED to nominate Ms. Green as Chair of the Enfield Conservation**
42 **Commission.**

43 ***Seconded by Ms. Wyman***

44 **** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0-1).***

46 **Roll Call Vote:**

47 **Leah Davis, Ed Rippe, Carol Wyman, John Welenc all voting Yea.**

48 **None voted Nay.**

49 **Shirley Green Abstained.**

51 Chair Green moved on to open Vice Chair nominations.

53 Ms. Davis nominated Mr. Rippe. He is willing and able to be Vice Chair.

55 Members discussed commission membership, expiration of term dates, and how to reapply for
56 membership on the Conservation Commission after a term expires.

58 **Ms. Davis MOVED to nominate Mr. Rippe as Vice-Chair of the Enfield Conservation**
59 **Commission.**

60 ***Seconded by Mr. Welenc***

61 **** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0-1).***

63 **Roll Call Vote:**

64 **Leah Davis, Shirley Green (Chair), Carol Wyman, John Welenc all voting Yea.**

65 **None voted Nay.**

66 **Ed Rippe Abstained.**

68 **B. Approval for expenditure reimbursement**

69 Mr. Welenc will bring the reimbursement information to the next meeting.

71 **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

72 **A. Methodist Hill Property Use Committee – Select Board 1/8/2024**

73 The Select Board meeting on 1/8/2024 will include reviewing the Methodist Hill Property Use
74 Committee presentation.

76 **B. School Outreach**

77 Mr. Welenc shared that his presentations with the Enfield Village School (EVS) 3rd and 4th
78 grades went well. He plans to work with the Indian River Middle School (IRS) and Mascoma
79 Valley Regional High School (MVRHS), ideally in the warmer months.

81 Ms. Green suggested the Trout in the Classroom as another good program for using in schools.
82 This could be easily adapted for all ages.

Mr. Welenc will provide packets of the different programs he got from the UNH Extension (University of New Hampshire) at the next meeting for members to review and select their favorites.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Lake Silt/Sand issues and NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)

Mr. Rippe said he would like to speak with someone from the NH DES to discuss the levels of silt/sand going into the lakes and what recourse there may be to fix this. The accumulation near the dock on his property is 32" deep due to the heavy rains this last year.

Chair Green suggested emailing or calling NH DES directly.

Ms. Wyman also suggested contacting lake associations in surrounding areas to see how they may deal with these issues (silt, cyanobacteria, etc.).

Ms. Davis said that the town and state have been ditching very deeply but does not often see rocks put in to help with water runoff.

Mr. Rippe will work on contacting NH DES about this issue.

Ms. Green said that this is why the Planning Board needs to be working with the Conservation Commission. The lakes are an important resource to the town, and if they lose value, it is also a loss of value to the town.

Mr. Rippe said that 15 residents along Hawley Drive attended a September Select Board meeting to present their issue with the water diversion, road washouts, and effects on Crystal Lake. Mr. Welenc suggested that NH DES is the best resource to continue to discuss this issue.

Members discussed further lake quality concerns and issues for the commission to focus on gathering data for further discussion and advisory when needed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B), NH DES File No: 2023-03165, 23 Main St, Enfield NH (Tax Map 34, Lot 37).

NH DES notified the town that they received the application related to the renovation of Whitney Hall.

Chair Green asked for further business, but there was none.

VII. NEXT MEETING: 2/1/2024

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125 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

126 ***Mr. Rippe MOVED*** to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

127 ***Seconded by Mr. Welenc***

128 **** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (5-0).***

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130 **Roll Call Vote:**

131 **Leah Davis, Shirley Green (Chair), Ed Rippe (Vice-Chair), Carol Wyman, John Welenc all**
132 **voting Yea.**

133 **None voted Nay.**

134 **None Abstained.**