

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
September 9, 2009**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Pat Elwell, Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Jamie Marsh, Tim Copeland, Dan McAuliffe, Donna Jensen, Brad Jones

**Ad Hoc Committee Members Present:** Roger Stephenson, Dan McAuliffe

Meeting Called to order @ 7:10 PM

*New Town Planner:*

Lincoln Daley has been hired as the new town planner and introduced to the CC

*Gordon Barker:*

CC discussed possible options for honoring Gordon Barkers' memory including a CC donation to the Southeast Land Trust; Planting a tree in Stratham Hill park; Renaming town forest after Gordon (i.e. "Barker Town Forest").

Town has historically not allowed placement of memorial trees, benches, plaques, etc.

The town forest is under the management of the CC and renaming is an option that could be introduced as a warrant article at town meeting in March

*CC Membership:*

Selectman need to appoint new Full member to CC to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Gordon Barker. CC discussed providing the selectman with a recommendation to move Bill to full member status, leaving an alternate position on the CC open.

Dan McAuliffe moved to provide recommendation to selectman that Bill McCarthy be named as a full member of the CC, Brad Jones second – Motion passed unanimously

CC discussed whether to ask Edie Barker if she is interested in joining the CC as an alternate member; Bob Keating and Pat Elwell recommend that CC wait until November before approaching Edie with questions regarding CC membership and re-

naming town forest to allow her time to get through the growing season and address Gordon's passing.

7:40 PM

CC: Donna Jensen moved to enter Non-Public Session, Brad Jones second – Motion passed unanimously

8:30 PM

CC: Bob Keating moved to leave Non-Public Session and seal minutes, Bill McCarthy second – Motion passed unanimously

*McDonald Property:*

FRPP grant application will come back up in 2010; Have the option to 1) Keep the application as is; 2) Reserve to right to make modifications to the application; or 3) withdraw the application

Ad Hoc recommends that CC adopt the second option.

Dan McAuliffe moved to adopt Ad Hoc recommendation to reserve the right to make modifications to the application, Brad Jones second – Motion passed unanimously

Dan McAuliffe moved to give Ad Hoc permission to proceed with appraisal and process with the condition that it does not exceed \$5,000, Bob Keating second – Motion passed unanimously

*Easement Monitoring:*

Dave Batchelder property needs to have monitoring report completed; CC contracted with RCCD for this to be completed

RCCD has submitted monitoring report on Brad Jones' property

8:46 PM

Brad Jones moved to adjourn meeting, Jamie Marsh second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Municipal Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Secretary