

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
September 23, 2009**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Pat Elwell, Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Tim Copeland, Donna Jensen, Brad Jones

Meeting Called to order @ 7:05 PM

CC Membership:

Allison Knab has filled out application to become member of CC in the open alternate position and attended CC meeting

Hazardous Waste Collection:

Oct. 3rd from 8:30-11:30 AM is the annual hazardous waste collection day at Exeter public works dept.; volunteers needed

Road Salt:

Pat Elwell and Donna Jensen completed executive summary of road salt use in Stratham and recommendations to improve application methods which would result in a reduction amount of salt used and possible savings to town.

Bill McCarthy moved to accept recommendations in executive summary and present to the selectman, Bob Keating second – Motion passed unanimously

Stuart Farm:

Tracey Degman from RCCD is working with the Stuart Farm to address problem with 7' x 12' culvert on farm road that has become degraded; culvert allows salt water to feed into restored salt marsh which could revert back to degraded state if culvert fails

Stuart farm needs money to develop plan for repair which could cost ~\$6K-\$8K; RCCD will donate ~\$1K, Piscataqua Estuary will donate ~\$3K, and requests that CC also contribute a donation

Stuart farm plans to seek grant funding to cover actual replacement costs

CC concerned 1) Money invested will not guarantee that project would be completed; 2) relationship with NH Commissioner for the Dept. of Agriculture; 3) Stuart farm is a private business

Pat will communicate concerns to Tracey Degman

Tim Copeland suggested that CC look at condition of culvert and surrounding area.

New Town Website:

Pat Elwell would like to include links to other town pages on CC page

Eagle Scout:

Chris Pierce has sent invitation to his Eagle Scout ceremony to CC which is set for 2PM Oct. 18, at the Stratham Fire Dept.

Easement Monitoring:

Pat Elwell will contact Tracey Degman at RCCD regarding monitoring reports for Batchelder and Wiggin properties

8:40 PM

Bill McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, October 14th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Secretary