Stratham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Public Session October 14, 2009

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

Meeting Called to order @ 7:05 PM

Scamman Farm:

Brain Hart from Southeast Land Trust working on easement language; received bill of \$2500 for revised appraisal from Peter Knight (Stanhope Group) to support FRPP grant; appraisal increased value by ~\$100K, but P&S already signed so deal should not be affected;

Bill McCarthy moved to pay bill for revised appraisal, Bob Keating second – motion passed unanimously

Land Use Fund:

Land use fund has monies generated from fees associated with land taken out of current use and used by CC but limited to supporting costs associated with purchase of property; Question as to whether CC would like to request that selectman approve change of language that would allow CC to use funds for land maintenance uses.

Lincoln will work with Paul to craft some language that would likely be acceptable; suggest including a list of potential projects and anticipated costs.

Discussion to be continued when language drafted.

McDonald Property:

Peter Knight (Stanhope Group) hired to perform appraisal; have Doucette build out plan

Fall Foliage Fundraiser:

Fall foliage fundraiser to be held Nov. 14th; Tickets \$50, Ben Baldwin swing band will be playing; Roger Stephenson will speak with Edie Barker at request of Brian Hart about presentation of contributions on Barkers behalf.

CC Meeting Minutes:

Public Meeting Minutes for June 24th

Dan McAuliffe moved to accept minutes as written; Bob Keating second – Motion passed unanimously

Stuart Farm:

Site walk conducted Sat. Oct. 3rd to see culvert and surrounding land/salt marsh; salt marsh deemed to be in good condition.

Money still needed for design phase with the goal of funding installation of new culvert through grant funding.

Bill McCarthy moved to donate amount not to exceed \$500 to support design of culvert replacement, Brad Jones second – motion passed unanimously

Stratham Master Plan:

Lincoln suggested that CC review section one more time; Donna Jensen volunteered to perform review; Lincoln will review and revise before sending to CC/Donna

Stratham Web Site:

Should include CC mission statement which will also be needed for Master Plan

8:55 PM

Brad Jones moved to adjourn meeting, Donna Jensen second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, October 28th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill McCarthy Secretary