

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
July 8, 2009**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Pat Elwell, Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Gordon Barker, Jamie Marsh, Tim Copeland, Dan McAuliffe

Ad Hoc Committee Members Present: Roger Stephenson, Tammy Hathaway, Caroline Robinson, Edie Barker, Dan McAuliffe

Meeting Called to order @ 7:25 PM

Public Works Commission:

Discussion of source of water for Gateway Fire Suppression; require 150-300 thousand gallons per day (~200 Gal/Min)

Options:

- 1) Partnership with Exeter – Exeter has agreed to this strategy as of yet
- 2) Potential well on Goodrich property – source closest to where water will be needed
- 3) Wells on Scamman property – need to run flow and quality tests

Pat Elwell indicated that the details of each option needs to be fully understood; if additional property needs to be acquired should consider revenue from water supply fees in addition to conservation funds

Also discussed water quality issues in Great Bay and impacts to Stratham; Nitrogen is the primary pollution – EPA ready to list in “non-attainment”; Stratham may likely need to address non-point Nitrogen sources such as septic tanks, and fertilizer use

Ad Hoc – public information:

Land Use Change Tax has available money – Ad Hoc recommends to put aside for future monitoring costs; could place in a trust and draw off as needed but not to be used for purchase of new easements

Zarnowski property – CC decision on donation of development rights; Pat Elwell and Gordon Barker not in favor of making a decision at this point in time

8:50 PM

CC: Gordon Barker moved to enter Non-Public Session, Bob Keating second – Motion passed unanimously

Ad Hoc: Edie Barker moved to enter Non-Public Session, Caroline Robinson second – Motion passed unanimously

9:13 PM

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

Ad Hoc: Edie Barker moved to leave Non-Public Session and seal minutes, Dan McAuliffe second – Motion passed unanimously

CC Meeting July 22nd:

Gordon Barker moved to cancel July 22nd meeting due to fair activities, Jamie Marsh second – Motion passed unanimously

9:20 PM

Gordon Barker moved to adjourn meeting, Pat Elwell second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, August 12th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Secretary