

Stratham Conservation Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2009

CC Members present: Brad Jones, Bob Keating, Dan McAuliffe,
Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Allison Knab

Pat and Donna met with the Selectmen on October 19th to present a plan for lowering road salt use in Stratham. Feedback from the Selectmen was positive. Fred was not available so Al Williams represented the Public Works Dept. The acting police chief reported that accidents were down in Stratham, something he attributed to clear road conditions; however no statistics per season were presented. The PW staff will be attending an educational seminar regarding winter road treatment being presented at the Exeter PW, and the CC/Selectmen encouraged the PW to also have part-time plowers attend the seminar.

Donna clarified to Tim Copeland and Dave Canada, who attended the meeting briefly before heading to another meeting, some of the confusion regarding sand clearing that arose at the Selectmen's meeting. We were told by Fred that the sand was considered hazardous waste once it was applied to the road and that does not seem to be the case. In fact, many towns use the extra sand to help build up the road shoulders. Also, sand does not need to be swept with a machine on secondary roads but should be cleared by shoveling piles from areas where it has accumulated.

Pat is continuing to provide information for the town website which should be available soon.

Donna has not yet heard back from Lincoln regarding the Master Plan revisions.

Donna moved to accept the minutes of 9/9/09 as presented. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Bob moved to accept the minutes of 9/23/09 with the correction of Tracy Degnan's name. Donna seconded. Motion passed.

Bill McCarthy was appointed by the Selectmen at their last meeting as a full CC member to fill Gordon Barker's position. Allison Knab was appointed by the Selectmen as an alternate to fill Bill's position.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed. December 9, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center.

Submitted by:

Pat Elwell
Chair