

Stratham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wed April 14, 2010

Members present: Pat Elwell, Tim Copeland, Dan McAuliffe, Donna Jensen, Edie Barker, Bob Keating, and Brad Jones. Also: Paul Deschaine.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Daoust Property Pond: David and Jeannette Daoust of 4 Juniper Drive attended to discuss the creation of a pond on their property. They presented 2 different pond plans to the CC: One plan impacting the wetland buffer another plan not impacting the buffer within the conservation easement. Paul D. found a discrepancy between the property owners' site plan and the Town's map regarding the location of the conservation easement. Pat asked to table discussion to confirm the location of the easement and to determine what restrictions might apply to the conservation easement.

April 24th, Stratham Clean Up sign: Dan brought the Town clean up day sign to Sign-O-Rama in order to make changes to the sign's text (add the town website, etc). Edie moved that the CC pay Sign-O-Rama the amount of the bill-\$125.00. The motion was seconded by Donna; it passed by unanimous vote. Pat provided an update in the preparation for the clean up day. Pat made flyers to be sent home with students attending Stratham Memorial School. Pat also ordered the blue bags. Individual orders for bins were reaching 30. She purchased 40 from NRRRA. Almost all the rain barrels were sold. Brad got gloves for Pat to provide volunteers on the day of the clean up.

Town Forest- Timberland: Pat took a second site walk with the Timberland volunteer project coordinator John Merrill. The company will be having a national sales meeting on June 14th and would like to send a volunteer crew to the park to do projects on that day. Dan Crow (Stratham Hill Park Association), Fred Hutton and Al Williams (Stratham DPW), and Kim Woods (SH Park Ranger) were also at the site walk to identify possible volunteer projects.

Stuart Farm: The dredge and fill application for the Stuart Farm was received by the DES. Pat will send a letter requesting that the 30-day comment period be waived to expedite permit approval. RCCD has already sent a letter to waive the comment period.

Squamscott Road Culvert: Pat received a letter from the NHDOT regarding the failure of the Jewell Hill Brook culvert under Squamscott Road. She has already walked the site with a DOT rep. and does not see any further issues with the project.

Scamman Farm and SELT: Brian Hart sent a letter itemizing the costs for administration of the two Scamman Farm conservation easements. Paul mentioned that the letter should have a signatory space for Pat and the Selectmen because the costs would be paid by CC funds and Town bond funds. Paul suggested that the letter be sent to Roger Stephenson and the Ad Hoc Committee for review of the costs shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jensen, Secretary