Stratham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 23, 2010

Members present: Pat Elwell, Brad Jones, Donna Jensen, Jaime Marsh, Edie Barker, and Bill McCarthy. Also in attendance: Paul Deschaine.

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

Minutes

Pat E. moved and Donna J. seconded the motion to vote to accept meeting minutes submitted for May 26, 2010 with an approved edit (Sarah Clark was identified as Susan Clark). The motion passed.

McConnell's Christmas Tree Farm

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Brian Hart met to discuss the McDonnell's Christmas Tree Farm conservation easement. They plan to call Mr. Knight, one of the approved Ad Hoc Subcommittee appraisers, so he can appraise the property.

Scamman Farm Conservation Easement

Brian Hart at the SELT believes that they will need a one-month extension for the Federal grant funding deadline. The drop-dead deadline for the closing is in September.

Public Utility Commission

Paul D. announced that the PUC rejected the Stratham solar program proposal for the police station.

Southeast Watershed Alliance Bylaws

Pat announced that she had a meeting with Michael Perfit and John Boisvert on the Southeast Watershed Alliance. They would like to work with the CC to "normalize" water/wetland regulations so that all the area towns have the same regulations. There are no details worked out yet just an agreement to work together.

Compost Bin Sale

Pat has 3 compost bins left from the spring sale. She gave the additional sale money to Paul for the CC general fund.

Timberland Town Forest Work Day

The Timberland work day is still planned for July 29th. Pat asked Paul if the volunteers should sign releases for their work. Paul believed not because it was a "corporately sanctioned work day event."

Litter Free NH

As a "perk" for conducting the April Town clean up day, Pat will complete a Litter Free NH application to get "gifts" for the Town.

Caroline Robinson

With sadness, the CC discussed the passing of Caroline Robinson, a capable and energetic member of the Ad Hoc Committee. The CC would like to identify a modest way to acknowledge her many contributions to the Town over the years.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned on 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Jensen, Secretary