

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Public Session Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2010**

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

Meeting Called to order @ 7:05 PM.

Tracey Degnan – RCCD:

Wetland application for the repair of failed culvert at Stuart farm; new culvert will be 10' in diameter and 56' long and constructed of HDPE with baffles on bottom surface to retain gravel; DES/DOT has experience with this type of culvert; Plan calls for 1475' temporary wetland impact and 685' permanent impact; Also applying to NOAA for funds to remove phragmites at the same time; Bob Keating moved to waive 30 day review period and allow Pat to sign the expedited application; Brad Jones seconded motion, which passed unanimously. Edie Barker moved to allow Pat to sign wetlands application in its final form; Bob Keating seconded motion, which passed unanimously.

CC Meeting Minutes:

Public Meeting Minutes for March 10th: Edie Barker moved to accept minutes as written; Bill McCarthy seconded motion, which passed unanimously.

Potential for Agriculture Commission:

Recent RSA passed that allows formation of an agriculture commission; would be similar in structure to and collaborative with CC. Nate Merrill expressed opinion that CC has traditionally had very good representation of farmers on CC, selectman, etc. and feels that separate commission not necessary and would just create more seats to fill with a limited resource; Edie Barker concurred.

Recycling Program:

Question raised as to whether CC should recommend a Pay to recycle program (i.e. through bag purchase); DES may have statistics on the amount of trash generated by household/resident; Motivation is to increase rate of recycling by residents in town; other ideas for recycling promotion include distribution of stickers, or magnets that describe what materials can be recycled and act as a reminder.

Compost Bins:

Orders are due by April 1st; if CC doesn't have enough orders for minimum purchase, the CC can use money from budget to pay for the remainder; Brad Jones moved to allow Pat to request check to purchase minimum number of both Compost Bins and Rain Barrels; Edie Barker seconded motion, which passed unanimously.

Site Walk in Town Forest:

CC is to conduct a site walk in Town Forest on Sat March 27th at 10AM to look for potential projects.

At 8:25 PM, Edie Barker moved to adjourn the meeting; Pat Elwell seconded motion, which passed unanimously.

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Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, April 14th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy
Secretary