

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 8, 2010**

Members present: Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Tim Copeland, Edie Barker, Jaime Marsh, and Bob Keating. Also present: Lincoln Daley

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

Winnicutt River Watershed Association Meeting

Jean Eno the Project Director for the WRWA was there to present plans to begin a water quality monitoring program on the Winnicutt River in Stratham, Greenland and North Hampton. The mission of the association is the restoration and protection the Winnicutt River. Also in attendance from WRWA were Colin Lawson and Jill Cahill. Jean Eno let the board know there would series of public outreach meetings starting in September 2010. The first meeting is scheduled for Sept at the Stratham Municipal Building.

Rockingham County Conservation District, Natural Resources Inventory

Theresa and the RCCD will be writing a Stratham NRI with the CC. The NRI will provide a comprehensive description of the natural resources in Stratham, identify areas of concern as well as threatened resources, and make recommendations toward their preservation and conservation. Pat said it will probably not be necessary to create a NRI subcommittee. She proposed that the entire CC work together with Theresa and the RCCD to draft the document. Theresa said she will attempt to deliver a first draft for review at the Oct 13, 2010 meeting.

Southeast Land Trust Invoice Regarding the Scamman Farm Conservation Easement

Pat and the CC received an invoice from SELT regarding coordination services for the Scamman farm easement. Edie moved to pay the \$5,899.08 invoice. Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee has not met since January, 2010. The Subcommittee's activities are limited as the Town waits to conduct the real estate closing on the Scamman Farm easement. Pat suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved. The Subcommittee discussed this possibility.

Minutes

The CC unanimously passed meeting minutes from June 23rd (Edie moved, Bob seconded) July 28th (Jamie moved, Pat seconded), and August 11th (Edie moved, Tim seconded with the edit that Alison Knab's name be added to the attendance for that day).

Kim Woods Letter of Commendation

Pat recounted the Timberland Volunteer Day in July at Stratham Hill Park and in the Town Forest. As stated previously, Kim Woods worked very hard to prepare and to ensure the success of the Volunteer Day projects. Pat wrote a letter to commend her efforts. The letter was signed by Pat and given to Tim Copeland to be read aloud at the next Selectmen's meeting.

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Subaru Dealership

Lincoln said that the Subaru Dealership was proposing to put in a solar array at their property on Portsmouth Ave. The dealership owner faces a number of zoning hurdles to do so.

100 Domain Drive

The parking lot plans have been amended again and now will impact Stratham wetlands adjacent to the parking lot. This was necessary due to the emergency access road.

Bunker Hill Cluster Development

Lincoln advised the CC that Whitney & Co. is proposing a re-design to create a 14-lot condominium cluster development off of Bunker Hill Ave. He said that the developer will be applying for density bonuses. Jaime and Bob raised concerns about bonuses for wetlands or steep grades that could not be developed. They stated that bonuses should be given for buildable property that is not built upon.

The meeting was adjourned on 9:00 pm.

The next CC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm Sept 22, 2010 at the Municipal Center 10 Bunker Hill in Stratham.

Submitted by

Donna Jensen
Secretary