

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes--Public Session
April 11, 2012**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Pat Elwell, Bill McCarthy, Donna Jensen; Bill Grace, Tim Copeland

Paul Deschaine

Meeting Called to order @ 7:13 PM

Donna Jensen:

At her first meeting as chair of the CC, Donna wished to acknowledge Pat Elwell's contributions to the CC, serving since 1991 and chair since 2005

Lincoln Daley:

Lincoln requested that the CC combine its April 25th meeting with the Planning Board meeting to discuss the Makris development

Paul Deschaine:

Paul indicated that a site walk of 70 Winnicut Rd (near Spring Creek Ln) will take place on April 14th @2:30 PM; current plan is to develop a "pork chop" lot around existing house with 50' frontage on Winnicut Rd; site walk requested by abutters

ZBA application for property on Union Rd (Stoddards are the owners) abutting town transfer station now scheduled for April 24th @7 PM and regarding special exception from seasonal high water table; access to house site requires 4 wetland crossings and some test pits did not meet 24" standard; No Hiss mapping has been done that would define wetland types and setback limits

Pat Elwell moved that CC write a letter to Planning Board addressing concerns of appropriateness of building on this lot, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously

Unitil:

Ongoing work on natural gas transmission lines to replace non-uniform pipe with pipe that will allow digitized Pig to travel through; Donna Jensen invited to attend meeting with Unitil reps

Gordon Barker Town Forest Sign:

Gordon Barker Town Forest sign installed; cost \$125 for installation; Pat Elwell will obtain invoice

Beaver Flooding at Cooperative Middle School:

Beaver Solutions people provided ideas that would cost ~\$2000 to resolve; there is no imminent danger to ropes course and it is the school's responsibility to handle (not CC)

NH Nature Conservancy:

Provided abutters notice that it intends to submit an application for a wetlands permit to create a shell bed on the bottom of the Lamprey River in Newmarket to promote oyster re-population

Sykas Law Office:

Provided a revised bill for \$81

Pat Elwell moved to pay from the land conservation fund, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously

CC minutes:

Minutes form March 28, 2012; under “Jones Property Update” section – strike bullet starting with “Brad expressed”; correct spelling of “Gordon”

Pat Elwell moved to accept with changes, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously

Road Side Cleanup Day:

Rollover bin arranged and Brad Jones will provide gloves and vests; Deena Stern will sell compost bins at her composting session, the compost bins will be delivered to public works garage

8:47 PM

Pat Elwell moved to adjourn meeting, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, April 25th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Serving as temporary Secretary