

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, November 14, 2012, Public Session

Members present: Tim Copeland, Pat Elwell, Bob Keating, Dan McAuliffe, and Donna Jensen

Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes

- Pat motioned, Tim seconded approval of the Oct 24, 2012 minutes with minor corrections. The motion passed unanimously. Donna will get the changes and final draft to Stacey.

Jones Property

SELT had forwarded the anticipated additional changes to the original budget estimate:

\$1300 – survey
\$100 – title insurance
-\$375 legal fees

Pat moved, Tim seconded paying SELT \$2143.30 from the Land Conservation Fund for the costs associated with the Jones property easement.

Budget

The CC reviewed the CIP budget for 2013. We have not asked for funds since the bond was instituted. Since the bond has been exhausted, and the CC still needs to pay for annual monitoring, legal fees, etc., the CC will ask for \$25,000 in 2013 and that same amount for each year in the 5 year projection. Costs for Annual Budget were also discussed and Donna will request \$2,000 for the Annual Budget.

The Planning Board will pay the \$150 annual dues for ESRLAC. The CC reviewed the ESRLAC Annual Report.

Scamman property development

The CC reviewed the proposed auto storage lot being proposed for the Kirk Scamman property on Frying Pan Lane. The CC expressed concern with the lack of trees and the small size of the proposed trees, snow storage, and the size of the lot. There was also discussion regarding the use of permeable pavement and how trees will shade the lot making pavement icing a concern. Donna will email Lincoln regarding CC concerns.

Goodrich property

Terms have been reached on the 4 acre Goodrich easement and revised language on the existing easement. The NH Attorney General is now required to review any changes to easements. The town had designated the changes as low risk based on discussions with the AG's office, saying the town is just clarifying language. Materials required by the AG have been completed and sent in by the town attorney, Abigail Sykas. Paul is

hopeful for a 30 day turnaround and the language in the town's letter states that if the town does not hear from the AG within 30 days, we are assuming there is no problem with the language and will proceed with closing. Paul has contacted Jones+Beach for a survey estimate since they were the original surveyor.

Paul provided brief updates on other municipal activities.

Aaron Davis of the Exeter Newsletter will be leaving the paper. Aaron was the reporter liaison to the town.

Donna had the plaque for the Caroline Robinson bookshelf in the library completed. She will contact Leslie and Edie to set up a presentation of the plaque at a Trustees meeting and contact Aaron at the Exeter newsletter about doing an article.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held November 28, 2012. Makris developers will be present at the 11/28 meeting to discuss the trails for the Bunker Hill Ave subdivision.

Respectfully submitted by
Pat Elwell, Vice-Chair