

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 11, 2012, Public Session

Members present: Edie Barker, Tim Copeland, Pat Elwell, Bill Grace, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe

Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Stephanie Frigon, Roger Stephenson

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Cooperative Middle School Concerns

- Stephanie Frigon of CMS came to discuss issues with the beaver population around CMS and the school ropes course. The ropes course and beavers are on conservation land. She has noticed an increase in the area where they are working and a rise in water, which is growing closer to the ropes course. Some boardwalks have been constructed to elevate pathways. She is also concerned the water could affect the stability of trees on the course.
- Paul looked over the land's easement and did not note prohibitions on removing wildlife as needed.
- Several members questioned the soil type and whether it would be wet regardless of damming activity.
- The CC asked Frigon to continue monitoring the water levels and beaver activity.
- The CC is encouraged to visit the land and will plan a site walk in the spring

Minutes

- Tim motioned, Edie seconded a motion to accept the December 14, 2011 public and non-public minutes with the addition of "motion passed unanimously" as needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Other

- The town attorney submitted a bill for \$564.30 for a purchase and sale agreement she is working on. Edie motioned, Tim seconded paying the bill from the Land Conservation Fund to the Sykas Law Office. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Town of Newington copied the CC on a nitrogen point source letter sent to the EPA
- DES sent a FYI notice that PSNH is doing utility maintenance
- The CC discussed thoughts on finding a replacement for Fred Hutton Jr.
- The CC section of the town Web site has been updated.

At 7:52 p.m. Allison motioned, Edie seconded, moving into a non-public session to discuss possible land acquisitions. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m. Allison moved, Tim seconded, moving out of non-public session and sealing the minutes of the non-public session. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim motioned, Bob seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held January 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary