

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Members present: Tim Copeland, Pat Elwell, Bill Grace, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy

Non-members present: Lincoln Daley, Debbie Foss

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

Grubs at SHP

- Pat described a problem with grubs around the grass and flowers in the memorial region of the park, and proposed trying milky spores in that section to decrease chemical use in the park
- Members discussed using chemicals in the summer and milky spore in September because of the timing
- Pat will obtain information on milky spore to pass on to the Selectmen/ park ranger

Community Education Projects

- Donna has met with Dena Stern to discuss future community education projects, and was seeking ideas from the CC
- Ideas discussed included: septic education, hazardous waste, rain gardens, home energy savings

Planning Board Updates

- *39-41 Union Road:* Gove Environmental Services sent a copy of the dredge and fill application for the property. Lincoln noted the property is nearing the end of the appeal period. The CC can still comment to the state on the application.
- *Bunker Hill Avenue:* Attorney Mike Donohue has said the development will not have a restriction on sheds or pools, as previously promised to the CC, due to concerns about selling the lots from the realtor. He has discussed the town having authorization to limit the amount of impervious surface to less than 25 percent a lot. The Makris group will also come to discuss the trail system soon; Lincoln recommended the CC go out in the field with the consultant.
- *6 Chisholm:* The ZBA approved the pool plan as recently reviewed by the CC. The plan will be for the pool's water to be disposed of in the winter on top of the septic system.
- *130 High Street:* A developer is working on an 18-unit, single detached age-restricted project. The project could have an impact on the wetlands through its septic system.

Stratham Fair

- The CC decided to do an informational display on composting, with the additional goal of selling the remaining compost bins (12). Donna will work on the poster; Bob will help set it up and Allison will help take it down.

Minutes

- Bob motioned, Tim seconded a motion to accept the May 23 minutes with two address changes (132 Union Road, 39-41 Union Road). The motion passed unanimously.

Other

- The CC received an invoice from the Sykas law office for \$216 for June 1 work done on the Goodrich property. Pat motioned, Allison seconded a motion to pay the bill out of the Land Conservation fund. The motion passed unanimously. The CC also received an invoice from the Sykas law office for \$634.50 for May 21 work done on the Goodrich property. Pat motioned, Tim seconded a motion to pay the bill out of the Land Conservation fun. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison motioned, Bill M. seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held June 27, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary