

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, September 27, 2012 Public Session

Members present: Tim Copeland, Pat Elwell, Bill Grace, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Bill McCarthy, Dan McAuliffe

Non-members present: Lincoln Daley, Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss

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

Minutes

- Tim motioned, Bob seconded a motion to accept the June 13, 2012 public minutes with one minor wording change to add the word “fund”. Donna will provide corrected minutes to Stacey. The motion passed unanimously.

Jones property

Paul announced that the Jones property was set to close on 9/24 but, due to outstanding issues still not resolved, was postponed to sometime in October. All necessary paperwork for the extension has been signed. The outstanding issues include:

- The excluded acreage to work down to the amount of available money –there are questions regarding the right of first refusal and how this should be worded while Brad is still alive vs. how it would be once he is deceased.
- An encroachment was discovered by the SELT baseline review. SELT has offered the abutters, who are very elderly and have lived at the home for many years, a license to continue to use the encroached land until they no longer possess the property.

SELT has experienced additional costs due to the additional survey and attorney expenses. They had budgeted \$2400 for the survey, but the actual is looking closer to \$3-4,000. They had budgeted \$3,500 for attorney’s fees, but the actual is being projected to \$4,500 – 5000. The committee did not vote to pay for the extra fees but will wait until the final bills come in to consider the issue.

Goodrich property

Paul needs to redraft a counter proposal to the Goodriches based on their comments to him.

Zoning Ordinances

Lincoln provided a matrix of all potential changes to zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations that relate to the CC. He discussed the various issues, in particular the open space criteria, and received feedback from the CC. He will take the comments provided and redraft ordinances to present to the CC at the next meeting.

Lincoln provided updates on the progress of the Makris and Spring Creek projects that are ongoing.

The ERSLAC meeting was cancelled this week so Bill G did not have anything to report other than a redesign of their logo is being discussed.

Donna announced that all oysters have been collected from the Great Bay project. This year over 11,000 oysters were grown, that is the most ever in the history of the project, and they will be planted in the bay substrate to continue growing.

Pat motioned, Bill G seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:47p.m.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held March 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Elwell, Vice Chair