

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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

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

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

Minutes

- Tim motioned, Pat seconded a motion to accept the October 10, 2012, minutes with the date corrected and the acronym GBNERR spelled out initially to indicate *Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve*. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

- Devine Millimet submitted a bill for \$3,000 related to legal services for the Jones conservation easement BAN (bond anticipation note). They also submitted a bill of \$2,100 to the town for title insurance. These bills have already been approved.
- The RCCD (Rockingham County Conservation District) has indicated a willingness to monitor seven easement properties for an annual fee of \$2,104.20.
- The Registry of Deeds sent a \$56 bill for an easement plan and a bill of \$155.05 for easement-related documents. Both are related to the Jones easement. Pat motioned, Bill M. seconded a motion to pay the Registry of Deeds out of the Land Conservation Fund. The motion passed unanimously.
- Graduate student Michael Cody sent a thank you for attending the previous CC meeting.
- The State of the Estuary conference will be held December 7.
- The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions sent a letter that dues for next year will be \$307.
- Pat received a \$47 check for a compost bin.

Planning Board

- Makris Real Estate Development has reached a settlement agreement with the Fosses, through which they will convey portions of the development to the town and to the Fosses. Secondly, they will amend the current plan to incorporate changes into the overall plan.
- Construction on the Makris development is anticipated for early next year. The CC should be involved in trail construction.
- Jessica Kauffman has filed an appeal regarding the 70 Winnicutt two-lot subdivision; there will be a hearing in Superior Court.
- On November 7 there was a Planning Board hearing on a 100-space parking lot behind the shell station. Dave Yanofski of the Subaru dealership wants to lease the property from Kirk Scamman for use as a car storage area. Lincoln believes a non-impervious surface will be used.

Easements

- Jones is done!
- Goodrich is ongoing.

Other

- Caroline Robinson: Donna is considering changing sign companies.

Pat motioned, Bill seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51. All voted in favor.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held November 14, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary