

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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

Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss

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

Events

- March 22: A celebration of the bond/land conservation will be held at Edie Barker's at 6:30 p.m. The CC, ad-hoc committee, owners of conserved land, RCCD and the Southeast Land Trust have been invited. Pat will send out an email regarding potluck items. We discussed having a separate dinner for Paul Deschaine, as he will not be able to attend.
- April 4: The "Nitrogen in the Bay" public workshop is coming together. It is anticipated to be 90 minutes. Planned items include: PREP, Bob Baskerville discussing septic systems, a rain garden talk, pet waste disposal talk, possibly no-impact lawn care.
- April 6: Clean-up day. Brad will bring vests and gloves. We discussed bringing compost bins to sell/distribute at the park. Lunch will be served.

Minutes

- Pat motioned, Tim seconded a motion to accept the minutes of February 13 with some rewording of the item on the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

- DES has notified Pinewood Drive residents that their septic designer permit is inactive.
- Unitil is in Phase III of their pipeline project. Donna expressed a desire for more information from them
- RCCD sent their annual report and a pamphlet on technical services

Planning Board

- The Scamman car storage lot has been approved
- A preliminary consult has been done on the Mobil Station site, which could merge into the Subaru site.

Inventorying Wetlands

- The CC discussed NH wetlands guidelines previously distributed by Bill Grace.
- Bill said they could be used for a single wetland or for comparing wetlands, and are fairly simple to use.
- The committee discussed potentially adopting them into PB ordinances.
- Pat will get in touch with the Kingston CC, which has adopted wetlands regulations.
- Donna mentioned having a subcommittee to work with the PB on regulations.

Other

- Donna noted that UNH Cooperative Extension will hold a fishing/hunting summer camp in Berlin.

- Allison reviewed the site walk she did of the former Great Bay Community College.

Allison motioned, Tim seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46. All voted in favor.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held March 27, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary