

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

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

Planning Board Members Present: Lincoln Daley, Mike Houghton, Jeff Hyland, Chris Merrick, Jamie Paine

Non-members present: David Canada, Michael Donohue, Bob Ducharme, Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss, Larry Foss, Nancy Hunter, Fred Hutton, Brad Jones, Eric Weinrieb, Martin Wool

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

A joint meeting of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission was held regarding the use of town land for the Stratham Plaza leach field, in exchange for the preparation of town ball fields and the use of the fill from the project. The joint meeting minutes were recorded by the PB.

The joint meeting concluded at 8:05.

The CC meeting was called to order at 8:10.

Minutes

- Bob motioned, Tim seconded a motion to accept the minutes of January 23, 2013, with “Leslie will be asked” deleted and a change to the description of the wetlands samples provided by Bill G. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

- Jones & Beach sent an invoice of \$4624.46 for the survey work on the Goodrich easement. Pat motioned, Tim seconded a motion to pay the invoice using the Land Conservation Fund. Bob voted against the motion; all others voted in favor.
- The DES sent information on Thalia Higgins’ application for a septic disposal system, which was deemed incomplete.
- Donna Jensen is owed \$51.50 for her purchase for the Caroline Robinson collection. The money was previously approved.

Events

- March 22: Edie Barker plans to host a party to celebrate land purchased through the bond
- February 19: Newmarket will hold a nitrogen forum
- February 25: Brentwood will host a PREP event
- April 4: Dena Stern/Stratham CC will hold a nitrogen workshop
- April 6: Roadside clean-up; whether to do lunch or provided more swag was discussed

Planning Board

- The proposed Frying Pan parking lot has received conditional approval.

Board of Selectmen

- The Select Board and Budget Committee funded the 2013 CC operational budget of \$2,000; however, the requested CIP funds were not allocated.

Other

- The CC website has been completely updated (by Pat)
- Putting information on nitrogen in the town newsletter was proposed
- The Caroline Robinson library collection has officially been launched but the plaque cannot be hung yet; we discussed hanging it in the town meeting room until it can be placed in the library.
- Pat motioned, Tim seconded a motion to reinstate Brad Jones as a CC member. The motion passed unanimously.
- The CC discussed a Portsmouth company that takes compost collections and returns a final compost. Pat will ask if they are interested in speaking to the Commission.

Pat motioned, Tim seconded a motion to cancel the February 27 meeting due to it being NH vacation week. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat motioned, Allison seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02. All voted in favor.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held March 13, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary