

Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 23, 2013

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

Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

*Minutes*

- Tim motioned, Bill G. seconded a motion to accept the minutes of January 9, 2013, as written. The motion passed unanimously.

*Mail*

- PSNH sent a utility maintenance notification; it is working on lines in town.
- The Metropolitan Planning Organization sent information on transportation plans for Rockingham County.

*Green Infrastructure*

- The Green Infrastructure Project, which includes multiple area organizations, is offering free technical assistant and educational resources focused on stormwater management.
- Projects could include rain barrels and gardens, non-porous pavement, catch basins etc.
- Donna will submit the initial form, indicating the CC's interest in the town's use of calcium chloride as a project, as well as preparing an inventory of hot spots, and training in regulatory options for stormwater management.

*Planning Board*

- The PB voted against supporting rezoning of Emery Lane. The issue will be voted on at Town Meeting
- On February 6 the proposed Frying Pan parking lot will be undergo a site plan review at the PB. Lincoln requested any comments be received by January 31. Comments on the last proposal included: utilizing a smaller lot, minimizing shading by trees, addressing snow removal, adhering to setbacks.

*Board of Selectmen*

- The BofS and Stratham Plaza have reached an agreement on relocating the plaza's septic system. The plan will require two public hearings and consultation with the PB and CC.

*Caroline Robinson Memorial*

- It was decided the book collection should be called "The Caroline Robinson Memorial Collection." Leslie will design book plates; it was suggested a blueberry/strawberry and/or leaf be incorporated into the design.
- Donna motioned, Pat seconded a motion to buy "The Hive and the Honeybee" as the first book, at a cost not to exceed \$75. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pat and Donna plan to contact the newspaper about the book collection.

### *Budget*

- Donna appeared before the Selectman on January 15 to discuss the Commission's budget requests. It appears likely that the requested funds (\$15K) will be a warrant article.

### *Wetlands Regulations*

- Bill Grace provided copies of the New Hampshire Method for the Evaluation of Freshwater Wetlands for CC members to review. He also provided a sample project that had been evaluated using this system.
- Designating prime wetlands in town was discussed and tabled for another meeting.

### *Other*

- Dena Stern will hold her educational workshop the evening of April 4
- The town is planning to use calcium chloride on roads in the future (when current salt supply runs out)
- The town will receive a sample compost bin, which we may raffle off on Earth Day
- Brad Jones plans to return to the CC in February
- The CC requested that the Caroline Robinson Memorial Collection and Clean-Up Day be announced at the town meeting in March
- The CC discussed whether to disband the Ad-hoc committee. No decision was made.
- Paul recommended the CC attend PB, ZBA, etc. meetings as a more effective way of expressing concerns, versus writing letters of concern.

Bill M. motioned, Tim seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59. All voted in favor.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held February 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary