

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, August 28, 2013

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

Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Dena Stern

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

Planning Board

- Pat recapped the previous meeting, in which the CC voiced support for the Sarnia Properties development. Pat is working on a letter regarding the Rocha property on Winding Brook; she asked Lincoln Daley for wording on how to prohibit future building on the property. Lincoln said it would be put into the deed.

Scamman Road property

- Dave Short approached Pat about possibly selling the land or development rights for his 40 acre property on Scamman Road. The CC is enthusiastic about the property, which is mostly forested/upland and includes trails adjacent to the Town Forest. Options include using Land Conservation money, obtaining grants, or requesting money through a vote at Town Meeting. Pat was going to speak to Dave about his concerns regarding public access as it would impact a future property owner.

Stratham Hill Park Parking Lot

- The CC briefly discussed the repaving of the parking lot at Stratham Hill Park; some members planned to discuss the issue at the concurrent PB meeting. The CC had also received a response to its concerns from Selectman David Canada. Dena brought in a letter from James Houle of the UNH Stormwater Center in support of pervious pavement.

Minutes:

- No minutes

Other

- The parking lot expansion at Wiggin Memorial Library has begun.
- Paul raised the issue of Brian Hart's map of conserved properties; Brian is looking for input on which properties to include on the map, which will be part of an award plaque given to the CC.
- Drinks in celebration of Paul Deschaine were planned for Margaritas at 6 p.m. Friday.

Tim motioned, Bob seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. All voted in favor.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held September 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary