

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 9, 2014

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

Non-members present: Lincoln Daley, Debbie Foss, Traci Tarr

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

Dates/Events

- Nik Coates of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions plans to come talk to the CC on May 14.

Unitil

- PSNH has wetlands permit issued for their project but has to access an additional pole (structure #137 on map). The change requires two wetland crossings but reduces overall wetland impact by 420 square feet. Work will take place in the fall/winter. The impacts will be temporary and affected areas will be restored. The area will also be checked for turtles. Mats will be put down for vehicle crossings and the area will be reseeded. Pat motioned, Bill seconded a motion to accept the plan as presented with no concerns and send a letter to the PB. The motion passed unanimously.
- Some abutters have expressed concern about the height of the power lines. Traci Tarr (GSA utility representative) took note of this.

Thinning on Town Land

- Pat, Dave Short, Kim Woods, and Seth Hickey walked with a forester from UNH to discuss possible thinning on the 5 acre parcel off Scamman Road. Brad noted that some people believe the wooly adelgid will have died off during the cold winter.
- Pat has asked Seth to arrange a site walk for the CC.

Minutes

- Pat motioned, Bill seconded a motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014, with clarifications to the section on tree thinning. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board Updates

- Subaru has come before the PB again regarding the connector road and the building height. The town has agreed to maintain the road and lighting. There is also ongoing discussion as to who will maintain pocket parks and sidewalks that are part of the design.
- Market Basket, Subaru and the town are co-applicants for a wetlands permit from DES for the connector road.
- Owners on Rollins Farm Road are planning to submit an application for an access road toward the end of the month.
- The project at 70 Winnicutt Road is ongoing. Owners are looking for a septic spot and clearing trees.

Clean Up Day

- Pat plans to call Waste Management to check on having a dumpster available
- Pat has notified the newspaper, sent posters/fliers to the schools, posted on Facebook, posted on the web site, and had the library notify residents about the clean-up day.

- Pat has ordered food (8 subs) from Market Basket
- Donna will hand out compost bins.
- Saturday morning we will need coffee, donuts, and hot cocoa, plus a list of roads to clean.

Other

- Bill motioned, Bob seconded a motion to pay \$111.86 for clean-up day related copies. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pat has contacted Rob Roseen about the Water Integration for Squamscott-Exeter (WISE) group coming to give a talk.
- As the park and town forest are being posted with “No Hunting” signs, the CC will try and post Gordon Barker Town Forest signs at the same time. Brad plans to donate the needed screws for hanging the signs (using Fastener Warehouse).

Allison motioned, Bill seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held April 23, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, secretary