

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes Public Session  
August 12, 2014**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Pat Elwell, Bob Keating, Bill McCarthy, Brad Jones, Tim Copeland, Donna Jensen, Bill Kenny Others Present: Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05pm by Vice Chairperson Bill McCarthy.

*Sept 24 2014 presentation by Jeff Barnum*

Jeff Barnum is the Conservation Law Great Bay water keeper, and will be giving a talk entitled "Challenges Facing the Great Bay" at the Stratham Municipal Center on Sept 24 at 7pm. <http://www.clf.org/blog/tag/great-bay-piscataqua-waterkeeper/> This presentation has been facilitated by Bill Kenny. To publicize the talk, Bill will contact area librarians via email and ask them to hang fliers about the presentation, which will happen in place of the regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting at 7pm that evening.

*ESRLAC (Exeter Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee)*

Paul Deschaine forwarded an emailed from ESRLAC mentioning that Stratham is now underrepresented on the committee. Bill Grace resigned from the position recently. Tim Copeland moved to nominate Donna Jensen to the committee; Pat Elwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Paul said that the Select Board will vote to appoint Donna to the committee at its next opportunity.

*Gordon Barker Town Forest*

Pat will contact Seth Hickey again (Rec Department) about putting up the Gordon Barker Town Forest markers in concert with the No Hunting signs. Brad Jones said that he would buy 2 inch stainless steel screws to affix the marker medallions to large trees.

*River Road/Market Basket Connector Road*

During the month of July, Town of Stratham leaders conducted 2 site walks at the location of the connector road behind Exeter Subaru. Representatives from the NHDES, Army Corp of Engineers, and EPA all need to see the area and inspect the wetland impact of the proposed road. The NHDES also inspected the town-owned Zarnowsky property open space, which could be used as mitigation conservation land for the wetland impact. Given the problems with Market Basket leadership, it is likely the project will be completed in multiple phases.

*Municipal Updates*

A Button Up energy workshop is scheduled for Sept 17 at the Municipal Center.

Paul Deschaine and Tim Copeland described continuing negotiations with the Town of Exeter and the City of Portsmouth regarding a regional waste water treatment facility.

Paul also mentioned that the Honda Barn has been before the Planning Board to discuss possible expansion. There will be no wetland impacts with the proposed building.

At 7:51pm Tim moved and Bob seconded a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Wednesday, August 26 at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary