

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
January 22, 2014**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Pat Elwell, Bill McCarthy, Brad Jones, Tim Copeland

**Others Present:** Kim Woods (Park Ranger, Stratham Hill Park), Jeff Duquette (Scamman Rd), Jason Mckenzie (resident of Epping)

Meeting Called to order @ 7:05 PM

*Trails in Town Forest:*

New trails have been built in the park and town forest without consultation with or permission from the CC. Pat Elwell has had conversations with Seth Hicky and Dave Short indication that they should notify the CC of any new trail development that they become aware of.

Kim Woods indicated that there should be a process for obtaining approvals of new trails, and that the CC could send process ideas to Kim.

Jeff Duquette stated that he uses the trails frequently and was not aware of anyone cutting trails without permission and stated that he believed that the CC should try to increase awareness of the process.

*Town Forest Markers:*

Pat Elwell contacted company who created the last marker plates who are no longer in that business. Pat found a new company named Adrian Name Plates who would charge \$1.60 per plate for quantities of 250 plates and would charge a set up fee.

*CC minutes:*

Minutes form January 8, 2014

Tim Copeland moved to accept as written

Pat Elwell second – motion passed unanimously

Minutes form December 11, 2013

Tim Copeland moved to accept as written

Bill McCarthy second – motion passed unanimously

*Jeff Duquette:*

Jeff's property abuts Jewett Pond which has two small bodies of water and is contains a substantial amount of scrub brush growing in the shallow water. About 11 families, including Jeff's, have been using the pond for skating in the winter and have found the brush to be problematic for access and restriction on the skatable area. Jeff would like to trim the brush back below the water line himself when the pond thaws and wants to be as responsible as he can to obtain permission from the CC before moving forward.

Pat Elwell moved to indicate that the CC has no objection to Jeff's plan to remove the scrub brush

Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously

*Lindt:*

Pat Elwell went to the planning board meeting and reported that Lindt received approval for their development plan

7:50 PM

CC: Bill McCarthy moved to enter Non-Public Session, Tim Copleland second – Motion passed unanimously

8:30 PM

CC: Pat Elwell moved to leave Non-Public Session and seal minutes, Bill McCarthy second – Motion passed unanimously

8:30 PM

Pat Elwell moved to adjourn meeting, Bill McCarthy second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Serving as temporary Secretary