

Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Members present: Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy
Non-members present: Paul Deschaine, Debbie Foss

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

Dates/Events

- Nik Coates from the NHACC has been in contact with Donna and Allison by email. He will be attending the May 28 Stratham Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. At that time he will provide an update on NHACC activities and legislation initiatives.

April 12 Events Debrief: Clean Up Day/Compost Bin and Water Barrel Sales

- Pat selected a name out of a hat that held the names of all clean up day volunteers. John Whelan of Stratham was selected as the winner of the compost bin raffle.
- In total there were 52 adults who volunteered and 25 children in addition to Conservation Commissioners there to facilitate activities. Over 150 bags were filled by volunteers and collected by Colin Laverty and the DPW crew.
- Allison presented a receipt for \$215.43 for purchasing sandwiches and food for the volunteer lunch. Pat presented a receipt for \$37.26 for purchasing coffee items. Bill moved and Donna seconded the motion to reimburse each of those expenditures from the Conservation Commission's 2014 operational budget. In examining the total expenditures for the day, Pat had previously spent \$111.86 for making copies for distribution at Stratham elementary school students. This brought the total cost to the Conservation Commission for cleanup day to approximately \$364.55.
- It is notable that the NH the Beautiful blue bags were donated by NRRRA. Brad Jones donated the volunteer gloves and use of vests. The dumpster rental was provided without direct cost by the Town's waste disposal vendor Bestway/Casella Waste. Lindt chocolate was donated by Lindt, picked up by Tim Copeland.
- Compost Bin/Water Barrel sales were distributed on clean up day from the Stratham DPW garage between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Approximately 20 bins and 5 barrels were sold this year; Pat facilitated the sales and provided all checks and money collected to the Town.

Municipal Updates

- Paul Deschaine explained that there had been some flooding associated with the new cistern collecting storm water on the corner of Bunker Hill Road and Bittersweet Lane (development off of Bunker Hill Road named Persimmon Commons).
- Code enforcement officer Terry Barnes will be retiring June 1.

Minutes

- Pat motioned, Bill seconded a motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2014, as written. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held May 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Jensen, secretary