

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2014

Present: Donna Jensen, Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy, Pat Elwell, Brad Jones. Also, Lincoln Daley, Colin Laverty, Duane Hyde (Southeast Land Trust)

Public Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Mail

DES letter received dated May 6 regarding tree removal at 216 Portsmouth Ave.

Minutes

April 9 minutes (correct the spelling of Rawlins Farm Road to Rollins Farm Road) and April 23 minutes (estimated total for clean-up day \$370 not \$217) were reviewed and edits identified. Pat moved and Bill M. seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the indicated edits. The motion passed unanimously.

Site Walk Town-Owned 5-Acre Parcel

Site walk conducted at site adjacent to Dave Short's property and the Stratham Town Forest. In attendance from the CC were Bill Grace, Bob Keating, Bill McCarthy, Allison Knab, and Brad Jones. The group viewed tree cutting on Short property on Jewell Hill off of Scammon Road. Discussed was the possibility of additional cutting at the park to improve views from Stratham Hill. When discussed at the time of the CC meeting, none of the CC members, nor Colin Laverty was in agreement that cutting was necessary at this time. Pat had discussed tree cutting with UNH Cooperative Extension forester Phil Auger with whom she toured the town forest recently.

Stratham Park-Town Forest Volunteer Day

Approximately 100 volunteers from Timberland assisted Park Ranger Kim Woods for a day of service at the town forest and park. Volunteers used weed wrenches to remove invasive shrubs and plants. Allison wished to write a letter of commendation for Ms Woods for her fine work coordinating the volunteers for the day.

Municipal Update

Lincoln Daley described the need for NHPS to raise power lines for tractor and farm equipment. This issue was raised by the Scamman family, who would like a permanent crossing for farm equipment over a wet meadow.

Stratham Subaru

Stratham Subaru has submitted an application to NHDES. Their representatives will be before the CC sometime soon.

AutoFair Car Dealership

A dealership is planned to be developed at the corner of River Road and Portsmouth Ave. The 26,000 Square foot dealership has written a memo of understanding regarding the future access road behind the property.

At 7:47pm Pat E. moved that the public session meeting be ended, which was seconded by Bill M, passing unanimously.

The meeting came out of closed session at 8:45pm.

The Pat E. moved and Bill M. seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will be held May 28, 2014.