

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
August 23rd, 2023**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Tim Copeland, Brad Jones, Chris West, Bill Kenney

Non-Members Present: Seth Hickey

Meeting Called to order @ 7:02 PM

CC minutes:

26-Jul-2023 Public: Tim Copeland moved to approve as written; Brad Jones second – motion passed unanimously.

Mail:

Board of Selectmen notification that Dan McAuliffe and Brad Jones have been re-appointed to the CC for a new term.

UNH communication RE winter road maintenance

13 Treat Farm Road:

CC notified of a violation of the wetland and upland buffer zone at 13 Treat Farm Road. The Muirfield development association raised the concern. The owners, Ryan and Heather Tebbetts, indicated that the violation was not intentional and hired West Environmental to prepare a restoration plan which was communicated to Mark Connors. The landowners have agreed to implement the restoration plan.

Bob Keating stated that it would be helpful to have a map that delineates the wetland boundary as well as where the restoration plantings will be with an identification of what will be planted. Bill Kenney will ask for such a map.

TMAC:

Bill McCarthy and Seth Hickey described nature of TMAC activities and discussions with a focus on the ongoing dog conflicts on the trail system with a particular concern about the trails on the Barker Farm easements. TMAC formed a sub-committee to coordinate with Edie Barker and is discussing an update to the town ordinance regarding leash requirements. Tim Copeland pointed out that the Board of Selectmen have the authority to enact ordinance changes without having to present a warrant article at Town Meeting.

Seth Hickey presented a memo providing a detailed description of the trail work needed to keep the trails in good condition in order to inform the CC and obtain approval to execute the necessary work.

7:30 PM

Bill McCarthy moved to enter Non-Public Session to discuss real estate options, Tim Copeland second - motion passed unanimously.

7:47 PM

Bill McCarthy moved to exit Non-Public Session and seal the minutes, Tim Copeland second - motion passed unanimously.

7:48 PM

Tim Copeland moved to adjourn, Bob Keating second— motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, September 27th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Serving as Secretary