

**Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2016**

Present: Tim Copeland, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Brad Jones, Bill Kenny, Dan McAuliffe, Donna Jensen.

**Public Session**

The public session was called to order at 7:00pm.

**Meeting Minutes**

The February 24, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. McCarthy noted a spelling error, and a correction for clarity was needed to describe the municipal updates. McAuliffe moved, and Copeland seconded a motion to accept the minutes with indicated edits. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mailbox: Aquarion Water Company Award**

Aquarion sent a notice regarding the 2016 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards. The adult, student, business, or non-profit organization will receive a \$1,000 prize in June. The deadline for nomination is May 25.

**Mailbox: SELT Letter Regarding Zarnowski Property**

The commission received a letter for the Southeast Land Trust's Deborah Goard regarding easement violations at the Zarnowski property, noted in the 2016 monitoring report. Because of the nature of the violations (tree cutting and filling of wetlands), SELT will continue surveillance of the property and examine aerial photography.

**Mailbox: RCCD Invoice for 2016 Monitoring**

An invoice for \$1718.20 was received for services rendered. The commission had already approved the appropriation of money to pay it from the Land Conservation Fund.

**Mailbox: Email to Allison Knab Regarding Easement Violations at Willow Pond**

Stratham Code Enforcement officer Mark Marong recently visited the home owner at 2 Herron Way at the Willow Pond residential development. This visit was acknowledged in an email by association president David Emmanuel.

**NH DES Wetland Mitigation Rules**

Knab read a summary of the new NH DES rules to the commission. The new mitigation rule is intended to allow towns to first conserve property in the municipality where wetlands will be impacted due to development, rather than contribute to the NH DES ARM fund for conservation in other NH towns. Thus, accordingly it will be necessary to have properties for conservation "in mind" for future needed mitigation. The commission wished to revisit this topic when Town Administrator Paul Deschaine was in attendance.

**Municipal Update: Ballot Items**

Copeland noted that approximately 900 of 5500 Stratham eligible residents turned out on election day to vote. The resident petition passed to modify the 800-foot-gateway district on Raeder Drive (adjacent to BMW car dealership), as did the state definition of agritourism.

**Annual Roadside Clean-Up Day Saturday April 16, 2016**

The NRRRA would not be making additional bins and barrels for sale this spring. Kenny noted that there are compost bins left over from last year, which could be sold at the clean-up day. The Commission

would like to have them at the Stratham Hill Park on the cleanup day for sale. The cost of the bins is \$50 each.

**September 25, 2016 Stratham 300th Anniversary Parade**

The commission discussed a float. Themes identified were recycled water bottle sculpture, preserve lands banners (recycled from the \$5 million bond conclusion party), beehives, plants, and endangered species. Knab asked the commission to further develop ideas.

At 8:06 pm Keating moved and Copeland seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 23, 2016, 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary