

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
November 13, 2019**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Ana Egana; Tim Copeland, Bill Kenny, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe

Meeting Called to order @ 7:02 PM

*CC minutes:*

23-Oct-2019 Public: Allison Knab moved to approve with revisions correcting typographical errors; Ana Egana second – motion passed unanimously.

*Cancellation of CC meeting scheduled for 27-Nov:*

Allison Knab moved to cancel the CC meeting scheduled for 27-Nov; Ana Egana second – motion passed unanimously.

*Rollins Hill:*

Rob Roseen from Waterstone Engineering provided an update on Phase I and III of the Rollins Hill project. Phase I is 85% sold and 50% built, Phase III is close to 100% sold and 80% built.

The project has experienced issues with 1) the conservation fencing that separate house lots from the vernal pools; and 2) design and implementation of heated driveways for house lots that abut the vernal pools.

Regarding the fencing, there has been damage caused by trees falling on and damaging the fences which does not look very good and will require repair. Mr. Roseen proposed to remove the rails of the fences and place conservation medallions on the posts informing landowners of the vernal pool areas. Mr. Roseen indicated that the proposal would decrease impediments to wildlife traffic. The medallions would clearly demarcate the area and the homeowner's association would be responsible to inspect and identify willful encroachment as well as apply any corrective measures.

Bob Keating indicated that a physical barrier is necessary to effectively prevent encroachment. The CC concurred and indicated that the fencing should remain as per the originally approved plan.

Regarding the heated driveways, Mr. Roseen indicated that the design has been found to be inferior causing concerns of failure and the original contractor is no longer in business. Further, no other cost-effective design and contractor has been found.

The development team has proposed to replace the heated design with porous pavement that would be maintained by the homeowner's association. The porous

pavement on the roadways has been successful at substantially reducing the amount of salt required to treat the roads, and a reliable source of high-quality porous pavement material has been identified.

The CC was very supportive of the proposal. Bill McCarthy will write a letter to the planning board communicating the CC's positions on the conservation fencing and the porous pavement driveways.

8:05 PM

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

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as Secretary