

Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2017

Present: Allison Knab, Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Bill McCarthy, Brad Jones, Joe Lovejoy
Also, Town Administrator, Paul Deschaine, Planner, Tavis Austin

PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was called to order at 7:05pm.

Mailbox

Minutes

Elwell moved and Lovejoy seconded the motion to accept the January 11 public and nonpublic minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Although on the agenda, Mark Stevens could not attend this evening's Conservation Commission meeting as planned. He wishes to propose new locations for a cell tower in town.

Old Business

Municipal Updates

Cell Tower at Scamman's Home and Garden Property

The planning board did not vote in favor of the proposed cell tower at the property at 57 Portsmouth Avenue. It is possible there may be an appeal.

Residential Development at 96 Stratham Heights Road

The developer is moving forward with state permitting for the residential development at the Breslin property on Heights Road.

Budget Meetings Underway

The Stratham Budget committee is working with committees to create a budget for the upcoming year. Deliberative session will be held at Exeter High School to discuss the school committee budget for the SAU16 junior high school renovation and expansion located in Stratham.

Batchelder Easement Monitoring Report from RCCD

Mark Morong code enforcement officer, Tavis Austin planner, and property owner John OBrien walked the easement border together to evaluate easement infringements by the neighbor. The RCCD monitoring report for the Batchelder property easement at 3 Barker Lane (57 acres) dated Dec 2016, identified debris dumping on the easement by a neighbor. The report included photos of fencing and other materials being stored there.

Morong explained that maintaining the easement was the property owners' responsibility. Morong will write a letter to the property owner, who should inform the neighbor responsible for dumping.

Nonpublic Session

At 7:30pm Elwell moved and Keating seconded a motion to go into nonpublic session and seal the nonpublic meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Elwell moved and McCarthy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. It passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2017 at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary