

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

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Ana Egana, Dan McAuliffe, Bill Kenny

Meeting Called to order @ 7:04 PM

CC minutes:

only one copy of 9-Jan, postpone review to next meeting

Eagle Scout Project:

Owen Gandt from Hampton Falls troop 377; proposed to post 35 trail signs around the trails in the SHP trail system. Proposed to hang with screws. Bill McCarthy explained which parts of the system are privately owned and advised that he should speak with property owners for permission. Discussion about type of signage and how they would be affixed as well as concerns communicated during meeting with Park commission about using screws. Suggested that he contact UNH cooperative extensions to see if they had recommendations for better ways to hang signs. Owen also proposed to build a tool station for people to use, and placement at the main entrance close to the parking lot was discussed. Seth will provide feedback on preference for location. Proposed to write letter of support to Selectmen.

Bill Kenney motioned to write letter of support, Dan McAuliffe second; Passed unanimously.

Mailbox:

DES letter – state permit amendment for Lindt cocoa processing line

Aquarion Water company – well head protection inspections of local businesses; will send educational mailing in March which occurs every three years. After survey, letter will be sent summarizing the inspections

Annual Monitoring Report – Brad Jones property with agricultural easement held by USDA. Observation was that several structures had been built along boundary including pits. Not clear if in the easement because boundary is not delineated. Will discuss with Brad.

Annual Monitoring Report – Brad Jones property next to his house. No areas of concern.

RCCD permit application – about treatment of wetland for Japanese Knotweed. Bill McCarthy will fill out and sign.

RCCD estimate for easement monitoring for 2019:

Total of estimate is \$1,792.20.

Bill Kenny motioned to approve payment, Bob Keating second; Passed unanimously.

Beaver Activity at SHP:

Park Association had asked to review situation with Beavers and possible removal. Contacting remediation company for possible trap and relocate options discussed. Proposed to reach out to NH Fish and Game and Park Association to obtain more information and discuss.

Dogs in SHP:

Seth Hickey raised issue of recent problems with dogs in the park. Will need to coordinate with Park Association and Parks and Rec department to navigate leash laws in the Park. Seth will send communication out on the topic and will look at how other communities handle issue for possible revisions to ordinances.

Next CC Meeting:

Propose to cancel Feb 27 meeting due to school vacation and possibility that there would not be a quorum of CC members.

Bob Keating motioned to cancel meeting, Ana Egana second; Passed unanimously.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrell Program:

In the past sale had been tied to town cleanup day, in recent years has taken a lot longer to sell all bins/barrels. Still demand in town, but since other sources are available CC decided to skip this year.

ARM Fund:

Bill McCarthy discussed the need to brainstorm suitable projects and requests feedback. Wanted to know what projects have been funded in the past to align list to that.

Request for CIP in budget:

Have over \$300K in Land Use Conservation Fund, and feedback from budget committee was that CC request was lacking some specificity. The request did make it into the budget for approval at town meeting.

Town Cleanup Day:

Will need to check that Pavilion is reserved. Discussion about whether it should be a whole day event with different CC members covering different time slots. Also discussed whether people should take care of their own neighborhoods. Decided that would be a good idea to link up with PCAC and will need to be posted on Facebook.

8:25PM

Bill Kenny motioned to enter Non-Public Session, Dan McAuliffe second; Motion passed unanimously

8:33PM

Bill Kenny motioned to exit Non-Public Session, Dan McAuliffe second; Motion passed unanimously

8:34 PM

Bill Kenny moved to adjourn meeting, Ana Egana second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, March 13th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as temporary Secretary