

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
February 24, 2021**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Bill McCarthy, Ana Egana, Bob Keating, Brad Jones, Dan McAuliffe, Kyle Saltonstall, Bill Kenny

**Non-Members Present:** Mark Conners, Kyle Hollasch, Kirk and Sue Scamman

Meeting Called to order @ 7:02 PM

*CC minutes:*

27-Feb-2021 Public and Non-Public: Bob Keating moved to approve as written;  
Kyle Saltonstall second – motion passed unanimously.

*Mailbox:*

Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership – Annual report; PREP habitat spotlight

*Easement Monitoring:*

Scamman –

SELT sent a letter to abutters of the Scamman property regarding the trails and bridges that were built without permission. The letter informed the abutters that the trail and bridge construction activity must cease and the property returned to its original condition.

Kyle Hollasch emailed a response to SELT indicating a desire to have a discussion on the future of the trails.

Bill McCarthy stated that the SELT letter was clear about the closure and removal of the trails and bridge structures. Bill McCarthy also emphasized that it is not public land, and that the landowner has rights and is responsible for violations on the property.

Sue Scamman stated that the easement is an agricultural easement, and the construction of the trails have had a negative impact on the agricultural uses of the property.

Dan McAuliffe stated that the easement language is what controls the rights to the property and that the owner's rights were infringed.

Kirk Scamman stated the family does allow people to walk and hunt on the property, but that farm safety has become a significant concern.

Bob Keating stated that SELT has a plan given that this cannot be the only situation like this that they have faced.

*Compost bins:*

The price of compost bins and rain barrels has risen to \$58 each compost bin (pallet of 20), \$65 each rain barrel (pallet of 15).

Bill Kenny suggested getting 2 pallets of each, given that there is money in the budget.

*Town news:*

Town elections to be held March 20

Town Meeting to be held March 27 at Exeter High School

Town report has been sent to the printers

8:43 PM

Bob Keating moved to adjourn, Kyle Saltonstall Second— motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center and via teleconference.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as Secretary