

Conservation Commission Meeting

May 1st 2024

Members present: Brad Jones, Bob Keating, Tim Copeland, Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy, and Chris West

Non-members present: Mark Connors, Town Planner; Resident John Nichols represented by Eric Weinrieb of Altus Engineering of Portsmouth

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- No copy of past minutes. Not approved

Mailbox

- Nothing

Presentation

Presentation by Eric Weinrieb of Altus Engineering on behalf of resident John Nichols tax map 22 lot 126 rear of Lovell Road in Stratham. John Nichols wants to build a house for his residence.

The Stratham ZBA approved his home impacts in February even though it had some wetland setback buffer issues for the building of his driveway. The grading of the driveway will impact that buffer with about 18,000 square feet disturbance to that buffer. To mitigate this planting will be put in place to help with any erosion and water runoff.

The Stratham Conservation Commission discussed the wetlands impact and nearby White Cedar growth area near by the property. A vote was taken to approve the design.

In Favor: 3 Against: 1 Abstained: 2 Motion PASSED

Next on the agenda:

Beaver Mitigation: There is Beaver damage within the Gordon Barker Memorial Town Forest. The Beaver population has increased. The Town wants to trap the Beavers and then euthanize them.

The Conservation Commission discussed this proposal and asked How many Beavers are there which is unknown to the Commission at this time? The Commission decided to wait until we get the numbers to act on this proposal.

Ross Brothers Parcel Update:

Waiting on the Governor's Council to vote and authorize the funds.

Clean Up Day:

The date is set for Saturday May 11th from 9-12 rain or shine. Lindt will be our main sponsor this again.

Municipal Updates:

None

Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting on May 29th 2024.

Other Business:

None

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Copeland motioned, Mr. Keating seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Copeland