



TOWN OF STRATHAM

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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Brad Jones, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Ryan Olsen, Chris West, Bruce Cote

Members absent: Dan McAuliffe, Tim Copeland (alternate)

Non-members present: Vanessa Price, Director of Planning and Building

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

Minutes:

Mr. Olsen motioned, Mr. Keating seconded a motion to approve the August 26, 2025, Stratham Park Site Walk, meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keating motioned, Ms. West seconded a motion to approve the August 27, 2025, meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Town and Other Business:

- a. Bridge Replacement – Rivendell & Batchelder Trails, Fall 2025.

Ms. Price discussed the status update provided by the Recreation Director. Mr. Cote as a member of the Trail Management Advisory Committee (TMAC), gave an update that the bridge replacement has been completed, and no permits were needed.

- b. Discussion on update for the Open Space Committee Framework goals, strategies, and action items.

Ms. Price presented the Open Space Framework from the Open Space Committee. She explained that this will be a document to accompany the Town's Master Plan. The Conservation Commission discussed the opportunities that could be achieved by forming a subcommittee to work on conservation goals, and they would like to have a member be a part of the implementation subcommittee once it is set up by the Planning Board. The members discussed how they would like the opportunity to designate the conservation lands and have an interactive map for the Town's website for residents to utilize.

- c. Update on the Stuart Farm project.

Ms. Price gave an update to the Commission on the progression on the grant process, as the Town was awarded the FY24 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law National Estuarine Research Reserve System Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition for the Squamscott Fields - Salt Marsh Resiliency Project.

- Ms. Knab discussed that the DPW Director resigned, and the Town will be looking for a replacement. She also discussed that the Stratham Park Association is working on a 10-year plan for the Park.

Ms. West motioned, Mr. Cote seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vanessa Price