

Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2016

Present: Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy, Bill Kenny, Bob Keating, Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Joe Lovejoy, Dan McAuliffe, Tim Copeland

Also, Town Planner, Tavis Austin; Resident Kathleen Breslin

Public Session

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

Mailbox: Meeting Minutes

Elwell moved and Keating seconded a motion to approve the September 14 minutes with edits. The motion passed unanimously.

McCarthy moved and Copeland seconded a motion to approve the August 24 minutes with edits. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Updates

96 Stratham Heights Road

Austin noted that a residential development has been proposed for the 41 acre parcel located at 96 Stratham Heights road. A RCCD representative was on site for 28 perk tests and soil testing. For a traditional development, this might be approximately 16 house lots, as a cluster development with minimum of 35% open space it might be approximately 20 new lots (22 in total) with 28.85 acres of open space.

The planning board has scheduled a site walk for October 5 at 6pm.

Stratham BMW

The Stratham BMW on Portsmouth Avenue has submitted plans to modify its parking lot. The new design increases the impervious surface by 3.3% but improves the stormwater management on the property (currently there is no treatment).

Conserving Land for Groundwater Training Seminar

Knab, Austin, and Jaime Paine (from the planning board) attended a training seminar for conserving land for groundwater protection.

Planning Board Amendments

The planning board is considering changes to zoning and regulations for this year.

The Con Com discussed proposed clarity regarding definitions for structures versus impervious surfaces. For example is a patio a structure or impervious surface? Should there be limits on lot impervious surfaces? Jensen said definitions would be helpful in considering proposal, particularly those on parcels where the Shoreland Act would apply.

Old Business

Forestry Management Plan

Elwell brought to the meeting a 2007 draft forestry management plan to remind the Con Com of the currently FMP document.

Based on September 14 review of the proposed forestry management plan, the Knab of the Con Com could write an addendum to the 2016 plan. Knab will use Con Com minutes and group comments to write the addendum using a style of established statements and eliminating inclusion of opinions. Elwell moved and McCarthy seconded a motion for Knab to write the addendum as described. The motion passed unanimously.

Stratham 300th Anniversary Parade, Sunday September 25

Knab thanked members who assisted with the parade float.

Elwell requested reimbursement for gummy worms and decorations purchased on the Con Com behalf totaling \$150.48. McCarthy moved and Lovejoy seconded a motion to reimburse Elwell that total. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

McCarthy moved and Lovejoy seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 12, 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary