

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
January 8, 2020**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Ana Egana; Tim Copeland, Bill Kenny, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe, Pat Elwell, Brad Jones

Meeting Called to order @ 7:02 PM

*CC minutes:*

11-Dec-2019 Public: Tim Copeland moved to approve adding Allison Knab as an attendee; Pat Elwell second – motion passed unanimously.

*Seth Hickey Parks and Recreation:*

Seth proposed to start a subcommittee for review of the trail plan proposals and requests volunteers. Dan Crow from the Park Association and Bill McCarthy from the CC will participate.

*RCCD:*

Arianna Spear sent a 2019 easement monitoring report for Bachelder Pond. Arianna indicated that she could not locate David Emmanuel who is the President of the Willow Pond Association, and requests that the CC provide the appropriate contact information. Seth Hickey is a member of the Willow Pond Association and stated that he would discuss a possible meeting with the association. The CC agreed that the contents of the monitoring report could be discussed at a subsequent meeting in February.

*Stratham Land Conservation Priorities:*

Seth Hickey indicated that he would like to participate in the review of the priorities document that the CC is working on and offered to help engage with the Recreation Commission.

Need to use new Master Plan as a reference. Additional things to consider include 1) involvement of PCAC; 2) expansion of initial evaluation criteria.

Next meeting, focus on conservation goals and criteria.

*Proposed Zoning Amendments:*

Tavis Austin presented the zoning amendments proposed for consideration at Town Meeting. Section 11:3.2B included wording about a planning board designee who

could make decisions regarding the construction of fences, footbridges, catwalks, and wharves in wetland areas. The CC had no objections. Regarding section 11.5.3B, Pat Elwell asked if next year there could be consideration of a requirements for pervious surfaces of footbridges, catwalks, and wharves. Members of the CC had some reservations about “similar appurtenant structure” language.

*Mailbox:*

- Communication from Great Bay Stewards, and Supply Lines newsletter.
- Copy of a temporary water discharge application from NHSPCA; discharge would be 10G/Minute for 10 hours per day
- Received easement monitoring reports for 3 properties owned by Brad Jones; on one some structures have been identified along the southern boundary but could not tell if there were on the easement
- NHDES letter regarding application for 8 Oxbow road, application returned to applicants for more comment

8:37 PM

Tim Copeland moved to enter Non-Public Session, Bob Keating Second – motion passed unanimously.

8:49 PM

Tim Copeland moved to exit Non-Public Session and seal the minutes, Dan McAuliffe Second – motion passed unanimously.

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Allison Knab moved to adjourn, Tim Copeland Second– motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Municipal Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as Secretary