

**Stratham Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
February 12, 2020**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Ana Egana; Bill Kenny, Pat Elwell, Brad Jones

Meeting Called to order @ 7:02 PM

*CC minutes:*

22-Jan-2020 Public: Ana Egana moved to approve as written; Bob Keating second – motion passed unanimously.

*Stratham Land Conservation Priorities:*

Pat Elwell provided revised document based on 2002 priorities document. There was one representative from the Recreation Commission present, no members from PCAC or the Heritage Commission. Bill McCarthy read the contents of the document aloud to begin the discussion.

Scott Longwell of Winnicut Drive, asked if more emphasis could be placed on properties located between already conserved properties to increase connectivity. A new priority point was added to the document.

The CC will wait for feedback from other groups, Bill McCarthy will send to the Heritage Commission.

*Planning Board Decision on Solar Array for Stratham Green:*

Pat Elwell attended PB meeting.

PB concluded that applicants had met all of the criteria defined under the regulations. There was an assumption that the common area was conserved land, but that was not the case. The CC discussed a need to figure out what open space in town is actually conserved and what is not.

Applicants will add plantings to hide the solar array from the road.

*Dog Issues in Town Forest:*

Commercial uses by professional dog walkers has been identified as a problem where large numbers of dogs are being walked by a single person. Seth Hickey provided copies of current regulations which identified wooded part of Stratham Hill Park (parcel 83) as the only area where dogs are permitted off leash.

Some possible ideas were proposed that include a limited time range for dogs in the park, etc. Rewriting of the ordinances would require a warrant article at Town Meeting.

The CC will discuss again at next meeting. Seth will reach out to Town attorney for guidance and provide additional information if available.

*Bachelor Pond Easement:*

Seth Hickey indicated that Willow Pond Association had not had a chance to discuss report. Seth has a lot of documentation from the Bachelor family that could be useful, and asked where those documents should be kept for future reference.

*Snowhawk – trail management plan:*

Snowhawk LLC has been identified as the company that the town will hire to produce the trail management plan.

Bill Kenny motioned that the CC will pay for 1/3 of the cost from the Land Use Conservation Fund which is not to exceed \$1296.00.

Pat Elwell second, motion passed unanimously.

*Letter to BOS from Tim Horvath and Donna Jensen:*

Tim Horvath and Donna Jensen set a letter requesting that the town switch from a synthetic pyrethrin for Mosquito control to an organic pyrethrin.

Bob Keating explained that neither bio-accumulates and in general a larvicide control strategy would be more effective than the current adulticide.

*Easement Monitoring Reports:*

RCCD

Salt Box farm – no area of concern

Hanna – no area of concern

SELT

Broderick – lines and corners need improvement

Brad Jones – lines need improvement; couldn't find one of the pins; Beaver activity noted

Viola Roberts – Josh Jennings using to grow crops; some Beaver activity; cylinder attached to pipe in pond not noted before

Scamman 1 – Hunter set-ups found; no new alterations or ATV tracks found; no new encroachments from abutter identified

Scamman 2 – Hunter activity

Short – Used for passive recreation; more grass clippings observed

*World Earth Day:*

Pat Elwell asked if there was anything that the CC wanted to do to recognize Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

8:45 PM

Patt Elwell moved to adjourn, Bob Keating Second— motion passed unanimously;  
Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as Secretary