

Stratham Conservation Commission Public Meeting

22nd of February, 2023

I. Call to Order

Bill Kenny (Chair) called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Stratham Conservation Commission at 7pm on the 22nd of February, 2023 at Stratham Town Hall.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Bill Kenny (Chair), Kyle Saltonstall (Vice-Chair, acting Secretary), Bill McCarthy, and Brad Jones. Also present was Seth Hickey, Director of Stratham Parks and Recreation.

III. Previous Minutes

Bill McCarthy made a motion to accept the minutes from January 25th, 2023 as read with the amendment that the Non-Public Meeting should read "January 25th" instead of "August 24th." Kyle Saltonstall seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

IV. Mail

We received easement monitoring reports from South East Land Trust (SELT) for the Barker #1, Barker #2, Jones, Broderick, Roberts Estate, Scamman #1, Scamman #2, and Short easements. Some of these easements appear to now be monitored by flyover instead of walkthrough. The Conservation Commission would like to seek clarification from Deborah Goard from SELT on the current means of monitoring and the actions needed to resolve those issues.

V. Open Issues

1. Annual Roadside Cleanup

- a. Mr. McCarthy motioned to schedule the annual roadside cleanup for May 13th. Mr. Saltonstall seconded and all members voted in favor.

VI. New Business

2. New Chair Needed

Mr. Kenny would like to step down as Chair. We need to fill the seat with another member. Further discussion is needed.

3. Trail Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) Report

Seth Hickey presented an update on the TMAC's work including data from the trail traffic monitor, weather data (and associated usage of the trail system), an updated charge for the TMAC as approved by the Select Board, and the proposed Parking Ban Ordinance on Jack Rabbit Lane and Jack Rabbit Parking Lot. Mr. McCarthy added that the TMAC is working to design and approve new signs for the entire Stratham Hill Park trail network that would add consistency and clarity. Mr. Hickey will report at a later meeting with an update on his trail maintenance plan for 2023.

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4. Open Space Connectivity Committee

The Open Space Connectivity Committee had its initial meeting. The hired firms are gathering input from Town Staff and the Committee and are beginning the process of creating a consistently branded, polished product to present to the public. Their plan/product should be delivered by January 24th of 2024.

VII. Non-Public Meeting

1. Mr. Saltonstall motioned to enter a non-public meeting at 7:47pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and all members voted in favor.
2. Mr. Saltonstall motioned to exit the non-public meeting and seal the minutes at 8:17pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and all members voted in favor.

VIII. Adjournment

1. Mr. Kenny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Mr. Saltonstall seconded the motion and all other members voted in favor.

Minutes submitted by: K Kyle Saltonstall

Minutes approved by: