

**Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2017**

Present: Allison Knab, Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Bob Keating, Bill McCarthy, Dan McAuliffe, Joe Lovejoy  
Also, Town Administrator, Paul Deschaine

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**Mailbox**

**Minutes**

Elwell moved and Lovejoy seconded the motion to accept the January 25 public and nonpublic with edits to correct the spelling of Mark Morong, add Joe Lovejoy as an attendee, and include language in the public meeting minutes directing that the commission seals the nonpublic minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**RCCD Invoice**

The Con Com received a bill from the RCCD for monitoring reports for 6 conservation easements. McCarthy moved and Elwell seconded a motion to pay the invoice for \$1718.50 from the Land Conservation Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**NHDES Permit Applications**

NHDES has granted a temporary groundwater discharge permit for testing of a community well for the new development at Rollins Hill. The Planning Board will discuss a possible community well on February 15.

NHDES has provided a conditional permit for the Lindt factory parking lot expansion project. For mitigation of the wetland impacts, Lindt will contribute \$102,000 to the NH ARM fund, rather than in the Stratham Land Conservation Fund as requested. Stratham has been advised to apply for a ARM grant for possible future project funding.

**Old Business**

**Municipal Updates**

**Cell Tower at Scamman's Home and Garden Property**

The planning board did not vote in favor of the proposed cell tower at the property at 57 Portsmouth Avenue. The landowner is filing an appeal with the Supreme Court.

**MS4 Permit**

Deschaine provided an update on the state MS4 2017 permit. The Town must have a stormwater management plan in place on July 1, 2018. Over the interim, the Town (a phase 1 community) will be working to create a clean water plan, which will have some educational components to it. The Town will look to regional entities such as Exeter Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee and PREP to assist in that regard.

**Annual Roadside Clean Up Day**

Deschaine noted that the Stratham Hill Park pavilion has been reserved for the annual clean up day scheduled for Saturday May 6. He stated that volunteers should be advised not to pick up waste that looks suspicious or unusual, in particular not to touch trash or drug paraphernalia related to drug "cooking".

**Nonpublic Session**

At 7:46pm Lovejoy moved and McCarthy a motion to go into nonpublic session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:04pm the commission came out of its nonpublic session, after voting to adjourn and seal the nonpublic meeting minutes.

**Adjournment**

Lovejoy moved and McCarthy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. It passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 22, 2017 at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary