

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
April 19th, 2023**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bill McCarthy, Allison Knab, Bob Keating, Tim Copeland, Dan McAuliffe, Bill Kenny

Non-Members Present: Seth Hickey

Meeting Called to order @ 7:00 PM

New Business:

CC minutes:

No Minutes.

Mail:

No mail.

Town Roadside Cleanup Day

Dan McAuliffe asked Seth Hickey if it would be appropriate to post the roadside banner. Seth indicated that it would be preferable to post the banner after the Food Truck Festival which would be after Sunday May 7th. Dan thought that it might be good to post prior to the festival so that it would have visibility to that audience. Everyone agreed that posting the banner in or about May 5th made sense.

Tim Copeland has already acquired the chocolate, Brad Jones will supply gloves and vests, Bill Kenny will order and pick up 20-30 sandwiches from Market Basket, and Bill McCarthy will order and pick up munchkins and coffee from Dunkin Donuts.

ESLRAC Update:

ESRLAC has developed a general management plan. Nate Merrill is still on the committee.

NHACC Dues:

Allison Knab moved to pay the NHACC Dues out of the CC budget, Bill McCarthy second - motion passed with Tim Copeland abstaining.

Pace land purchase:

Process moving along. Town reviewing the terms of the deed. Al Pace would like some sort of public announcement when completed, which should also note that the funds for purchase came from the Land Use Conservation Fund.

Town Updates:

Seth Hickey provided an update on the Open Space project with FB Environmental. The goal is to produce a highly useful document like the Master Plan. The theme is a desire for Stratham to become more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

Tim Copeland asked if there were some aspects that would require funding such as sidewalks. Seth Hickey responded that there are no specific directives rather the content is guidance on what options may be available.

Parks and Recreation will be installing a second Eco Counter at Stratham Hill Park. The location will likely be near the Scale House to gather data on traffic from the Main Lot.

On April 3rd, the new parking ordinance went into effect and new signage was posted. Stratham PD will initially focus on educating the public with windshield notices.

TMAC is supporting a science project from SMS looking at trail erosion. The project includes some collection devices that will be out on the trails for a short period of time.

7:59 PM

Tim Copeland moved to enter Non-Public Session to discuss real estate options, Dan McAuliffe second - motion passed unanimously.

8:17 PM

Allison Knab moved to exit Non-Public Session and seal the minutes, Bill McCarthy second - motion passed unanimously.

8:18 PM

Tim Copeland moved to adjourn, Allison Knab second— motion passed
unanimously; Meeting adjourned

**Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, May 24th at the Municipal
Center.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Serving as Secretary