

Conservation Commission Meeting, July 25, 2018

Members Present: Tim Copeland, Ana Egana, Pat Elwell, Bob Keating, Brad Jones, Allison Knab, Bill McCarthy

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes:

- No minutes available

Mail

- A new copy of Supply Lines
- RCCD sent a report on technical services provided in Stratham in February/March of 2018
- Bill received an email through the website from an Exeter resident and member of ESRLAC (David O'Hearn) who is concerned about permits to fill wetlands. He related the amount of algae bloom he has seen in Great Bay recently; he also had the algae identified by a UNH scientist. Bill will respond that the CC reviews every permit very carefully and takes wetland protection very seriously.
- The NCACC is looking for nominations of commissions to receive awards. The CC decided to wait until next year to potentially nominate ourselves for Barker's Farm, when it is finalized.

Other

- There are four compost bins remaining, zero rain barrels
- Hanna Epstein of SELT has conducted a recent site walk of the Zarnowski property
- Bill submitted a grant with RCCD to remove Japanese knotweed at the transfer station. Arianna Spear of RCCD conducted a site walk with Bill and Colin Lavery and they walked the perimeter of the transfer station. Bill reports that there is a section of invasive species near a wetland, so a permit might be needed for chemical applications. The timing of the grant is unknown.
- The CC reviewed its discussion at the previous meeting with Lisa Graichen on town water resources. Possible outcomes include: meetings with homeowners, handouts, presentation with ZBA, and an update of the NRI including the new water data.
- Pat reported that the Master Plan committee is trying to put 'snapshots' together so it is not so data heavy. She will bring information to our next meeting to review the snapshot information.

Tim motioned to adjourn at 7:26; Bob seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, Secretary