

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
July 27th, 2022**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bill Kenny, Bill McCarthy, Ana Egana, Bob Keating, Brad Jones, Tim Copeland, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe.

Non-Members Present: Mark Connors, Town Planner

Meeting Called to order @ 7:01 PM

New Business:

CC minutes:

No minutes to review

Mail:

Nothing to review

New Business:

Long Hill Land Donation

The owners of the Long Hill Map 18 Lot 041 are considering donation this 0.84 parcel of land to the town. The parcel is next to the Salt River conservation land. A site walk is being organized. The land could be used for the establishment of a trail head and parking so people can access the Salt River conservation land, which contains trails. The lot also abuts town parcels

Ana Egana moved to have the CC recommend to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that they support the acceptance of this potential land donation to the town. Brad Jones second—motion passed unanimously;

Old Business:

Open Space Plan

Mark hopes to have a draft document ready by next week. The decision about who will oversee this initiative has not been made. The CC would like to be involved in the process.

TMAC Update

The temporary closure of the Jack Rabbit Lane parking lot has been implemented and it will continue through August. There are signs in place informing the public of the temporary closure. Anecdotal feedback from town residents has been positive.

Additional trail work was done in the last month. The TMAC is planning to organize additional trail workdays for the fall.

Winnicut River Farm

A site walk of the Winnicut River Farm L-Chip properties is being organized for August 23rd at noon. Mark sent a letter to the property owners informing them of the details of the site walk.

Municipal/Planning Board Updates

The Planning Board is setting up a Pedestrian and Bicyclists Subcommittee. The town Master Plan has initiatives that can be implemented by this group under the supervision of the Planning Board.

NHACC – Seacoast Roundtable

Allison Knab provided to the CC a list of outreach initiatives that have been discussed at the NHACC – Seacoast Roundtable. Some of these initiatives could be considered by the CC. Examples provided are: amphibian crossing programs; Bio Blitzes; Student Award programs; trail head signage.

7:29 PM

Tim Copeland moved to enter Non-Public Session to discuss updates on real estate options, Bob Keating second - motion passed unanimously.

7:41 PM

Tim Copeland moved to exit Non-Public Session and seal the minutes, Dan McAuliffe second - motion passed unanimously.

7:42 PM

Allison Knab moved to adjourn, Ana Egana second— motion passed unanimously;
Meeting adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Ana Egana

Serving as Secretary