

Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2016

Present: Allison Knab, Bob Keating, Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Joe Lovejoy

Also, Town Administrator, Paul Deschaine, Resident Kathleen Breslin, Resident John Graefe, SELT Director, Duane Hyde

Public Session

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

Mailbox: Meeting Minutes

Jensen moved and Elwell seconded a motion to approve the September 28 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Elwell moved and Keating seconded a motion to approve the October 12 minutes with edits. The motion passed unanimously.

Tree Pruning at the Discovery Center

Knab was in correspondence with Corey Riley from the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland. The organization would like to prune trees on the property protected under the Shoreland Protection Act. There was some ambiguity in the interpretation of the Town Zoning Ordinances 12.6.1 in that regard. The commission thought it would be best for representatives to come and state their intentions with the property.

Stratham Magazine

Knab noted that the deadline was coming for Stratham Magazine submission. At that time no submissions were suggested. A later submission on wetland submission was proposed.

Municipal Updates

Lane Homestead

Deschaine reported that on Oct 20, 2016 the Town received a \$100,000 grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to provide a preservation easement agreement on the property.

Stratham Hill Park/Gordon Barker Forrest

On November 7, the Planning Board will hear from Colin Laverty regarding tree cutting at the Stratham Hill Park for maintenance of communication lines.

Old Business

Forestry Management Plan

Knab stated that the Forest Management Stewardship Committee for Stratham Hill Park and the Gordon Barker Town Forest convened and discussed the Forest Management Plan submitted by Charles A. Moreno. Seth Hickey suggested he may be able to have Moreno revise the plan to include the Con Com's addendum suggestions. Knab said that inclusion of a buffer for the Atlantic White Cedar swamp community would be part of that management plan revision. She was inclined to recommend a 300-foot-no disturb buffer for the rare wetland community. Knab noted that the committee will conduct a site walk to review potential view sheds on top of Stratham Hill on November 1st, 2016. People will meet at 3:00 PM in the main parking lot at Stratham Hill Park.

Elwell moved and Keating seconded a motion to go into nonpublic session at 7:51pm. It passed unanimously. At 8:45 Keating motioned and Elwell seconded a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the meeting minutes.

Adjournment

Elwell moved and Keating seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 9, 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Jensen, Secretary