

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
October 11, 2017**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bill McCarthy, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Ana Egana, Pat Elwell, Dan McAuliffe, Tim Copeland

Others: Tavis Austin

Meeting Called to order @ 7:03 PM

CC minutes:

Public Minutes from September 27, 2017

Correction: add “Colin felt that the 5 elm trees designated to stay were removed to improve the view”

Bill McCarthy moved to accept the minutes as corrected

Dan McAuliffe second – motion passed unanimously

Mailbox:

NH Association of Conservation Commissions – meeting Nov 4th

NHDES letter regarding 85 College Rd. Same as letter previously received. Tavis Austin stated that he met with the owners of the property indicating that the town would not support the proposal to build a 3 car garage due to encroachment on the setbacks. The property also has an in ground pool that was installed sometime in the 1980’s without a permit.

NHACC Invoice:

Received an invoice for yearly dues for \$384. Decided to wait on a decision until the invoice can be discussed with Paul Deschaine.

Municipal update:

Tavis provided a planning board update.

Discussion of regulations on wetland setbacks in subdivisions. Planning board trying to define method for classifying wetlands and has asked Rob Roseen for input. CC will be invited if there is further discussion at the Planning Board. It is unlikely that that anything will be brought to town meeting based on the warrant article passed this year.

Bob Keating asked Tavis about gravel removal at Rollins Hill development and how it is being addressed. Severino was caught dumping a load against regulations and subsequently filed for a permit. State inspector later showed up and found that Severino had not filed follow up paperwork as required.

PCAC:

Will now meet twice per month and will pursue federal money available for routes to school.

Town Master Plan:

Town planning to hire consultant to revise the Master Plan. Pat Elwell still has previous CC revisions produced from past efforts.

7:51 PM

Bill McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting, Tim Copeland second – motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, October 25th at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill McCarthy

Serving as temporary Secretary