

Stratford Conservation Commission meeting
Minutes 7 March 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm . In attendance: Chris Caron, Chelsea Petereit, Rachel O'Meara, and Jennifer Caron.

Minutes from 7 December, 22 February and 4 January reviewed. Typo found in December minutes. Motion to accept minutes with amendment: Chelsea 1st/Chris 2nd. All in favor.

Approved the select board to distribute funds from the Conservation Fund to pay vendors for the NRI public meeting : \$ 677.52. Rachel 1st/Chelsea 2nd. All in favor.

Coverts training via UNH extension: Jenny and Chris have applied.

ACT request for letter of support for O'Meara-Sayen conservation easement. Rachel recused herself and went outside. Chelsea 1st/Jenny 2nd: all in favor of writing the letter. Rachel then returned.

We discussed our thoughts on the recent NRI meeting. We were pleased with turnout and the professional presentation; felt public concerns were addressed. Chris will send inaturalist link to the the town website. Also discussed having a map at town meeting and/or at the transfer station for people to mark their favorite natural spots in town. Also discussed having the school involved. Chris will discuss the map and clean-up week with the new principal. He will also do a short presentation at Town Meeting.

We will review returned NRI surveys for data and key words.

Clean-up week: 28 April-4 May. An idea for next year might be to give prizes for things that are picked up, e.g.- strangest object, biggest, most bags etc.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm. Next meeting 2 May.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel O'Meara