

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 1, 2015

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins
Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Susan Barnes
Guests: Mimi Jost

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:01 pm. A motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Liz to accept the May 2015 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application none

Continuing Business

IRCR Report on garlic mustard: Mimi reported that 6 volunteers pulled 19 huge bags of the noxious weed. Disposal is a problem. Mimi will do some research to find out what other towns do to dispose of it.

Evans Mountain Keys to the gates. Liz found out that the fire department does not have the keys to the gates across the fire roads as we assumed. Kerry confirmed that all the locks use the same key. Dave gave Liz the number (which is on file at Heritage Hardware) from his key and she will have duplicates made. The fire chief would like two; one for the office and one for the truck. Fish and Game is also supposed to have a key. Bruce will check on that. Kerry reported that Don Clifford removed the plywood from the grating approaching the bridge on the snowmobile road and will replace it for next winter. He secured the gate on that road.

Town Forest Liz will contact Don Clifford about the needed padlock for the gate that has been installed on the road leading from the Town Forest field. The gate replaces the boulders that were across it.

Liz read a report from Scott A. Young about the rerouting of the lower portion of the Neil Mooers Trail. He has chosen to blaze it in orange so the trail markings will not be confused with the timber harvest colors.

Scott: Will there be a work party to brush-out the trail?

Liz then read a report from Charlie Moreno (attached or available at

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/Interim4dRuleKeyNLEB.html>) Stewards of NCRS and WRP lands need to check for the presence of Northern Long-eared Bats. The young are raised in forests and are unable to fly. Trees are not to be cut from June 1 to July 31!

New Business We are all receiving emails from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. The next workshop will be on Wetland Assessment on June 26. One or two of us should go. Carolyn volunteered. Is anyone else available? We discussed sending two of the newest members to the annual conference. We will wait to see the contents of workshops being presented before considering which funds could cover the cost of attendance.

Other Liz would like an invoice from Bear-Paw so we can pay our annual dues. Harmony will look into it.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 6 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Enz Page