

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 5, 2020

Present: Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Liz Evans, Scott Young, Sue Barnes, Dave Perkins, Michael Ferber

Opening & Introduction

A Google Groups Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm. A motion was made by Michael and seconded by Sue to approve the September minutes. Approved.

DES Applications: none

Continuing Business

IRCR – workday suggested to cut bittersweet off of apple trees. Michael and Randy volunteered some time.
Notified Commission that storyboard posts are installed.

Strafford Town Forest-

Ash tree removal needed. Randy and Scott volunteered to begin removal of dead/dying ash.
Mentioned Loop trail blazes need repainting- color is orange.
Another illegal campfire gets out of control and the fire department had to respond. The location is not at any previously documented fire pit and may be barely on Blue Hills property.
Dave and Scott met with Clayton Price to review the Bog bridge site design at the Spencer-Smith trailhead on 9/18/20. On 9/24/20 Scott met with Clayton to sign the Strafford conservation commission as beneficiary of his Eagle Scout project.
Norway maple herbicide project seems to be working.
Security cameras were discussed. Dave will do more research.

Evans Mt.- WPW trail work mostly complete. 50 more blue trail blazes available. Randy volunteered to finish up installation. Needs gate key.

Barnes Lot Conservation Easement – notified commission of financial support letter provided to BearPaw to benefit grant applications.

Leighton Forest- quiet

Other: Bow View Drive-discussed, there was a call for further research, none noted

Back Canaan Road- scenic road violation, call for further research. Why would this fall into the conservation commission's domain?

Bruce had sent along a comment about the early evolution of the ordinance and believes somewhere at town hall is a report they did from the late 1960's.

NHACC Conference registration- Michael needs to be added to members mail list. Sue Barnes is interested in attending. Conservation Commission can support 2 attendees thru the annual budget.

Calendar ideas: Illegal fires on conservation lands

Meeting ended 7:48 pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 2nd or 9th, 2020 7 pm. Google Meet. **Site Visits:** none

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young