

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 4, 2021

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

Opening & Introduction

A Google Groups Meeting was opened at 7:21 pm. A motion was made by Mimi and seconded by Sue to approve the December minutes. Approved.

DES Applications: No follow up needed on the Ruppe-Wunsch permit to replace retaining wall. Approved by all.

Other: Forestry notification/wetlands notice for a harvest on a lot located along Willey Pond Road presented. No further effort needed.

Continuing Business

IRCR – Big pine removed across snowmobile trail after big storm. Parking lot use has been high.

Strafford Town Forest-

Bre Aflague sent a thank you note for allowing Emerald Ash Borer research to continue.

Conversation about the abundance of dying Ash Trees around town.

Evans Mt.-

Kerry was going to look into funding gate at far end of snowmobile trail later in year. Currently the snowmobile club is busy trying to clear trees from the trails after recent storms.

Barnes Lot Conservation Easement – quiet

Leighton Forest- SELT says private fund raising is going quite well and hope to be done this winter. Both Barrington and Strafford are likely not to have to hold the conservation easement as the State of NH is willing to assume the enforcement by putting the conservation restrictions in the deed

Other: Another Whitcher subdivision briefly discussed near Province/Webber Rd. intersection. According to Berry Surveying the Town of Strafford Conservation Commission as a near abutter. One of the lot lines of the building lot is along Waldron Road class VI. The layout for this road was found in the Town of Barrington records

between 1794 and 1820. 3 rods wide (49.5') right of way No discontinuance or abandonment was found, therefore it still exists. As a consequence to this finding, the land owned by the Whitchers on the northerly side of Waldron Rd. is separate from the remainder of the parcel.

There is no indication that the sub lot division will impact the status or accessibility of Waldron Road.

Wilcox property 96 Lake Shore Drive, landowners are looking for relief from zoning ordinance. Want new home 10 feet from wetlands vs. ordinance requiring 50'. Septic system relief of 56' from ordinance requiring 75' from wetland. Tax map 35, lot 4. Letter needs submission on or before January 21, 2021 to ZBA.

LUCT collected in 2020 \$ 38,650.00 from 8 properties.

Calendar ideas:

Meeting ended 8:34 pm

Next meeting: Monday, January 4th, 2021 7 pm. Google Meet. **Site Visits:** Lake Shore Drive visit Thursday January 10 am for site review

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young