

Strafford Conservation Commission
February 7, 2022
Minutes

PRESENT: Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Sue Barnes, Liz Evans, Dave Perkins and Mimi Jost
GUEST: Katrina Amaral, Executive Director, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Randy Jacunski. Sue made a motion to accept the December minutes. Randy seconded. The motion passed.

The Commission was unable to meet in January due to lack of a quorum. Therefore, there are no January minutes.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Katrina told the Commission about several new Bear-Paw projects:

- A 256-acre parcel at the intersection of Johnsonboro Road and Cross Rd was gifted to Bear-Paw which will be working on a management plan.
- A landowner adjacent to the Evans Mt. easement is interested in conserving his land.
- A landowner on Bow Lake wishes to conserve their land.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sue completed the NHACC membership renewal and is sending in the membership list
- Thank you to Scott Young for submitting the Cons Comm annual report
- Easement monitoring reports for Town land were sent to the Commissioners for review. They were for the following easements:
 - o Evans Mt
 - o IRCR
 - o Strafford School property (Hill Pond property)
- Update on Wilcox property on Lake Shore Drive.
 - o The Commission sent a letter to the ZBA December 10th expressing ongoing concerns about the character of the stream and the depth of the setbacks and suggested that the ZBA retain an independent expert to evaluate the situation.
- Randy reported that the parking lots at both the Town Forest and IRCR have been busy this winter.
- Randy also reported that he has been having bluebirds eating his winterberry holly berries and big flocks of goldfinches at his feeders.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Jost