

Strafford Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
March 1, 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 7:02 pm. A motion was made by Mimi and seconded by Dave to approve the February minutes. Approved.

**DES Applications:** none

**Guest Presentations:** none

**Continuing Business**

**IRCR** – Randy checked out the downed tree on trail and will eventually remove it. Not blocking access significantly.

**Strafford Town Forest-** considered Bre (Garnas group) request for further EAB research this next growing season. Summary of proposed effort. Meeting in late April on site. Ongoing intention is to have the State take over the maintenance of the surviving ash as part of a broader genetic bank.

Eversource flagged a few ash along the road for removal. They are only flagging obviously blonded trees this round. Permission given.

**Evans Mt.-** Once again the snow mobile trail needs work. The recent ice storm permanently bent many small trees over the trail. There will be a volunteer effort to thin the trees after the whip poor will breeding season ends in late summer/early fall.

Paul Eaton taking over monitoring of Evans Mt. parcel

**Barnes Lot Conservation Easement** – quiet

**Leighton Forest-** SELT about \$ 40k short on project fund raising. Expect closing in June.

**Other** – Submitted same budget as last year.

Annual report submitted.

NHACC 2021 dues have not been paid for year but will soon.

Quick review of Wilcox Lot/Lake Shore Dr. zoning board application. Zoning board meeting delayed until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Barn Door Gap Road bridge mitigation discussion about possible qualifying projects in town. SELT and BearPaw believe it's possible to keep mitigation funds within town bounds. Contact Lori Summers at DES for clarification?

**Calendar ideas:** Otters, possums, robins.

Meeting ended 7:46 pm

**Next meeting:** Monday, April 5th, 2021 7:00 pm. Google Meet. **Site Visits:** none

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott A. Young