

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 4, 2019

Present: Liz Evans Dave Perkins Scott A. Young Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand
Bruce Smith Susan Barnes

Guests: None

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:07 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Sue to accept the January 2019 minutes as amended. Approved.

DES Applications none

Continuing Business

IRCR Randy is planning on using his chainsaw to clear some trail brush on Feb. 5th

Evans Mountain no news

Town Forest Liz said that Clayton (Boy Scout) is still interested in helping us to install a boardwalk on the Spencer Smith trail.

Other An annual report is due in a week. We reviewed last year's report as a template. Liz mentioned Katrina has volunteered to write the report again this year. Attendees are encouraged to forward activities we accomplished in the last year plus January of this year.

Wildlife sightings have been minimal in the last month. Most focused on recent Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpecker activity. Deer have been browsing heavily on landscape especially near homes. Blue jays have been scant this winter probably due to the lack of forage due to the recent squirrel apocalypse.

Kerry reports that all but one gate is open for the snowmobile season.

Bruce reports (with video) a Mohawk River ice disc had formed during the recent cold spell.

The county by county quarantining of Ash tree products has been rescinded by the state. The emerald ash borer is now found in all counties.

A new appointee needs to be recruited to take the place of Carolyn on the Committee. No volunteers stepped forward. Scott covered the task this meeting but won't be available in March.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4 7:00 pm. Town Hall **Site visits:** none

Calendar ideas – see wildlife sightings

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young