

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 3, 2021

Present: Randy Jacunski , Kerry Omand, Liz Evans, Scott Young, Sue Barnes, Mimi Jost, Michael Ferber, Dave Perkins, Katrina Amaral, Duane Hyde, Phil Auger, 1-207-xxx-xx57

Opening & Introduction

A Google Groups Meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Kerry to approve the April minutes. Approved.

Guest Presentations: Katrina Amaral (BearPaw) attended to schedule a walk on the proposed Pregent Conservation Easement. Walk will be held at 8:00 am May 10th and the owner Gary Pregent will be available.

Leighton Forest- Duane Hyde/SELT provided the Commission with a final accounting of the 405 acre project, one third located in Strafford. The property has 52 acres of documented wetlands and 13 functioning vernal pools exceeding the National Wetlands Inventory of 27 acres. Earlier the Commission had designated funding the project at \$ 110k. The Commission voted unanimously to appropriate these Conservation Easement funds via check to SELT for the acquisition. Closing will be near the end of June 2021. Formal public parking will be available in 2022.

DES Applications: Commission made aware of 10 cy beach replenishment project on Bow Lake Estates shoreline. The commission was not formally asked to sign the document.

Continuing Business

IRCR – Story Book trail installed. Scott pruned back small brush along Pig Lane. Gun fire reported in the power line corridor.

Strafford Town Forest- Sue fixed some drainages along upper Loop Trail and reported one small tree top needs to be removed. Garnas group has tagged ash trees for inclusion as part of their continuing EAB study.

Evans Mt.- Gate closed. ATV traffic onto property seems to be current.

Barnes Lot Conservation Easement – quiet, waiting for surveyor’s report.

Other – A current list of people’s preferable contact numbers would be helpful.
Mimi hosting IRCR Garlic Pull later in May
Wilcox Lot/Lake Shore Dr. zoning board application not until July
Whitcher planning board meeting not until June
Alternate Policy enforced. Going forward participants must take an oath.
Appointments will be on a annual staggered basis. We can have up to 5 alternates.

Currently Liz has been sworn in as alternate for another 3 years. Joann Brown requested to remain as alternate and has to take oath.

Michael is inquiring about a town trails map access. We currently do not have a developed website for hosting updated mapping.

Liz proposed the Conservation Commission help the town develop a storm water management plan. Michael offered some UNH contacts for heading up a presentation.

Calendar ideas/wildlife sightings: All of May is Turkey Hunting season. The bird tribes are returning.

Meeting ended 8:11 pm

Site Visits: Pregent Property May 10th at 8:00 am.

Next meeting: Monday June 7th, 2021 7:00 pm. Google Meet or in person

Respectfully submitted,
Scott A. Young