

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 14, 2021

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

Opening & Introduction

IN PERSON from the Strafford Town Hall! Previous attempt to have a Google Meet on June 7th, 2021, ended in frustration and failure due to technological difficulties.

May minutes: Randy moves to accept minutes, Sue seconds, all in favor.

Guest Presentations: none

DES Applications: .

Continuing Business

IRCR – Story Book trail trees discussed. Have asked Kyle Lombard to inject the big white ash. Randy/Scott to spend some time felling Elm and additional pruning.

Mimi reports a highly successful Garlic Pull – eight bags removed.

New Road development abutter's letter coming. Looking to partition the lot next to the Cow Path trail into 3 separate lots. There is a town held right of way thru this land. This land also now contains significant invasive species populations, which may be controlled during development.

Strafford Town Forest- Loop trail fully prepped and re blazed. Liz reports that the Link trail is in good shape. Bog bridge on Spencer-Smith trail functioning well.

Bre's group continuing and expanding Emerald Ash Borer study this season

Evans Mt.- no WPW survey this year

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

Leighton Forest- Duane Hyde/SELT is planning on closing the end of June. Town has issued check for \$110,000.00 and will be delivered to SELT soon. Closing at Bruton and Berube Law Offices in Dover. Publicity options will be presented. Asked for attendees from Commission.

Other – A current list of people's preferable contact numbers would be helpful.

Wilcox Lot/Lake Shore Dr. zoning board application not until July

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

Witcher development-Northwood shut down having more than a single house lot on property. Commission concerned about maintaining water quality and habitat of Bow Lake

Liz presents several forestry notifications: Back Canaan Rd. and Second Crown Point

Utility permit by notification GZA engineers

Shoreland permit denied for construction near intersection of Water and Lake View Drive. Tax Map 31-Lot 62

Calendar ideas/wildlife sightings: Blooms, bugs and birds. Chipmunk plague year. Healthy tick populations.

Meeting ended 8:14 pm

Site Visits: none

Next meeting: Monday July 12th, 2021 7:00 pm. in person

Respectfully submitted,
Scott A. Young