

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 13, 2020

Present: Mimi Jost, Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Liz Evans, Scott Young, Sue Barnes, Dave Perkins, Michael Ferber, Katrina Amaral, Clayton Price, Paul Eaton

Opening & Introduction

A Google Groups Meeting was opened at 7:04 pm. A motion was made to approve the June minutes. Approved.

Guests: Katrina Amaral/Bear Paw presented a current budget forecast for the Barnes Easement. Katrina is looking for formal approval of \$13,000.00 from the Strafford Conservation Commission to cover surveying costs for the Barnes easement. The survey will also give the town an accurate idea of partial Merrill Lot bounds abutting the Barnes property. Funds contingent on other costs being met thru grant applications as presented. Vote held on motion to approve funds- Omand, Ferber, Perkins, Young and Evans voted aye. Motion passed unanimously. Katrina is looking for a formal letter of acknowledgement to present with grant applications.

STF/Eagle Scout Project Proposal-Clayton Price along with his advisor Paul Eaton presented a proposal to improve a lower section of the Spencer-Smith trail by erecting a bog bridge. This is clayton's Eagle scout and senior project. He anticipates completion by end of 2020. Site meeting will be scheduled for later in week. Commission approved project pending on site meeting.

DES Applications: none

Continuing Business

IRCR – workday suggested to cut bittersweet off of apple trees.

Strafford Town Forest-

Messenger logging road grading complete

Ash tree removal needed-just the start, one 8" dbh tree is standing dead

Mentioned Loop trail blazes need repainting- color is orange

Upper field mowed by G. Kitz

Barberry infestation near beaver pond removed

Evans Mt.- WPW trail work mostly complete. 50 more blue trail blazes available. Randy volunteered to finish up installation.

Barnes Lot Conservation Easement – update, see above

Leighton Forest- quiet

Other: Bow View Drive-call for further research, none noted

Back Canaan Road- scenic road violation, call for further research.

Meeting ended 8:06 pm

Next meeting: Monday, October 5th, 2020 7 pm. Google Meet. **Site Visits:**
Spencer-Smith Trailhead with Clayton Price on Friday 9/18/2020

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young