

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 1, 2017

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Scott A. Young Katrina Amaral
Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Irving Johnson Bruce Smith
Guests: Mimi Jost

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm.

Approval of April Minutes

A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Kerry to accept the April 2017 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations none

DES Applications Liz had a notice for a culvert replacement

Continuing Business

IRCR Randy did some needed trimming with his chain saw in the old orchard area.

The garlic mustard pull is scheduled for May 24.

Katrina will search for better sign images on the internet.

We will continue invasives containment after black fly season.

Evans Mountain Both Scott and Kerry went to lock the gate – a discussion on locks/keys ensued. They found that Eric Rowe had started blasting the rock ledge in the Evans Mountain Road to improve the conditions. Eric installed two gates where he had placed boulders in the past. The locks and keys match those already in use on other gates. Scott also noticed that the turtle grate on the lower snowmobile road had been damaged. Kerry will look into that.

Town Forest Scott reported signs horseback riding along the Neil Mooers Loop and pink flagging through the forest. Mimi has additional “no riding” signs that she will put up. Scott and Mimi went to clear the water bars on the Spencer Smith trail and found that they were still under snow and ice. The base of the trail between the road and the kiosk was very wet. They marked an upland route around that site that starts to the left of the gate and comes out across from the kiosk. Boards will have to be placed in front of the kiosk to counteract the wetness there. We will form a work party in June to reroute the trail.

Scott found some graffiti on the bridge on the Neil Mooers Loop. He will attempt to remove it.

Other. There was further discussion on the Strafford Regional Planning Commissions mapping project. We decided to be part of their efforts for the benefit of better access to the maps for hikers.

WPW survey will be around the 10th of June and/or July.

Katrina had a two page, illustrated poster on garlic mustard that she will have laminated for use at the IRCR kiosk.

New Business none

Dates: Garlic mustard pull 9:00 Wednesday, May 24

Next Meeting: Monday, 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page