

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 2, 2017

Present: Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Randy Jacunski Liz Evans
Susan Barnes Katrina Amaral

Guests: Jeannie Ferguson Rodney Fenstermaker James Murphy Ted Sharples

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by Dave Perkins. A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Randy to accept the September 2017 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations Our four guests were from the Caswell Cove area of Bow Lake. They were concerned about the application to DES for a new dock and beach area. The proposal additionally calls for an easement for water access for properties across Province Road. The guests want to minimize the impact of docks and the corresponding boat traffic in this sensitive wildlife habitat area, prevent excessive removal of trees, and preserve the visual beauty of the area. There are no permits for the existing docks. Cons Com will do a site visit on Thursday, October 5 at 10:00. Liz will email Darlene Forst at DES to let her know we plan to comment. We will note recommendations after our site visit.

DES Applications see above

Continuing Business

IRCR Notes from Scott indicate that there are many ash trees in the vicinity of the foundation on Pig Lane. These are of concern because of the recent notice of emerald ash borers in Strafford.

Bob Evans and JB Cullen have cleared the trails on the Dupee land as part of their Isinglass Discovery area. Their next step is to make some educational materials available at the library.

Evans Mountain Scott's notes tell us that the Evans Mt. Road has been reopened, an electrical conduit installed under the road, and a large pole installed along our border. Piles of brush still need to be removed.

Town Forest Scott's notes also cited 43 ash trees around the upper field and mentioned having them removed. We're not sure this is something that needs to happen immediately. Site visit Thursday, October 5, after the Caswell Cove visit. Removal of the trees will be discussed at a later time.

Scott asks if someone will walk the Spencer Smith Trail and check for fire pits. Take garbage bags.

Plowing: The plowing expense needs to be reduced. Carolyn will call Don Clifford to see about plowing for the coming year. We don't want any plowing before 4 inches on the ground and none if the ground is not frozen. Scott wants the space at the town forest limited to 1 vehicle deep and four wide. Cons Com will stake the area on the site visit on Thursday.

Other. Mission Statement Proposal was put on hold due to the length of this meeting.
New Business None

Site Visits: Thursday, October 5, 10:00 Park in the 1st driveway on the left after Caswell Cove

Next Meeting: Monday, November 6 7:00 pm. Town Hall
Respectfully submitted , Carolyn Enz Page