

## Strafford Conservation Commission

### Minutes

July 2, 2018

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

#### Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Scott to accept the June 2018 **minutes**. Approved.

**DES Applications** Eversource is applying to do repairs on 12 powerline utility pole structures in Strafford. Swamp mats will be used but will cause a temporary wetland disturbance. Since quite a length of the powerline goes through the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve, we would like time for each of us to read the document. Liz will draft a letter to that affect. Two copies of the application will circulate among us. We will have a response by our August meeting.

#### Continuing Business

**IRCR** Scott, David, and Carolyn will do a site walk on the Dupee Lot Tuesday, July 17 at 9:00. Meet at the southern end of Pig Lane.

**Evans Mountain** Scott, Charlie and Katrina continued the rare bird survey. Evidence of our target species, Eastern Whip-poor-will, continue to remain high.

Scott reports that the tree across Evans Mountain Road has been cut and removed.

Scott/Phil have proposed an alternate route for a portion of the Evans Mountain trail to avoid ticks and maintenance. The plan is with Dan Kern awaiting approval.

**Town Forest** A crew spent a few hours clearing the cemetery in June. Katrina took measurements of the current Town Forest sign. Liz suggested that we contact a boy scout troop to see how much they could help with the project.

**Other** In response to a report of herbicide use along a state-owned section of Water Street/Bow Lake shoreline, a state inspector came out to investigate including taking samples of vegetation for analysis. Liz will send a letter to Tuxedo Turf to make sure they are following shoreland protection rules.

#### New Business

**Other** Kerry reported on an opportunity being offered to the Conservation Commission to buy a prime 10 acre (+ or -) piece of property for a slightly reduced price. Kerry told the owner that we would see how much it would cost to clean up the property including removing sheds and asphalt. The owner may be willing to reduce the price accordingly. The property is on both sides of the Isinglass River with 340 feet of road frontage. The assessment value was once as high as \$136,700.00 and is now at \$114,900.00. Randy, Kerry, David, Carolyn and Scott will do a site walk on Tuesday, July 10 at 12:00.

Katrina brought in a new invasive plant that we should be aware of. The Black Swallow-wort is toxic to cattle and monarchs. She found some in the Crown Point area and at the library.

Liz said that the people living along Water Street need to be reminded that permits are needed for docks and other shore work.

**Other** Scott reported that 5 loons state-wide have succumbed to lead poisoning from fishing tackle this year. Only one has survived. This is a high rate for this early in the season. The remaining eagle chick should have fledged. The fate of the other chick is unknown.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 6 7:00 pm. Town Hall

**Site walks:** July 10, 12:00 Dam July 17, 9:00 Pig Lane

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Enz Page