

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 04, 2020

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

Opening & Introduction

The Zoom meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Randy to approve the March minutes. Approved.

Guests: None

DES Applications: Notified commission that the Barn Door Gap wetlands permit has been signed and forwarded.

Continuing Business

IRCR – Randy was taking care of the trail on the Hanson Lot. Downed tree needing chainsaw work. Mimi scheduled a subdued Garlic Mustard pull for later this month using mostly conservation Commission members. Scott reported ATV trespass and pilfering of historic mill site by metal detectorists.

Town Forest- Multiple fire pits being used on high elevations, reported by Rick Hodges. Discussed whether we need to post even more signs indicating NO FIRES and/or contact the police to warn visitors that we do not allow overnight camping. Dr. Garnas's group re-affirmed its interest in another ash study. They may be marking trees for a proposal.

Evans Mt.— Phil Auger and Scott are to clearly mark the corridor for trail construction on May 5th. Dave and Randy indicated willingness to participate in the chainsaw phase. Will be organized by Phil. Discussed upcoming dates for the whip poor will survey at the end of May.

Leighton Forest- discussed the need to make a presentation to the Selectman about our support for this project and re-affirmed that we wish the Town of Strafford to hold a fiduciary interest in the property similar to Barrington's requirement.

Waldron Easement-Katrina Amaral sent to the Commission financial details on a potential conservation easement project (Waldron) in Strafford. Will forward information to the rest of commission. We determined that we need to schedule a walk of the property prior to a vote of support.

Other- Discussed Board appointments and the need for Susan, Dave and Michael to make a time to visit the Town Clerk to take an oath of office.

Meeting ended 8:13 pm

Next meeting: Monday, June 1, 2020 7 pm. Town Hall or Zoom. **Site Visits:** Need to schedule Waldron Easement.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young