

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 06, 2020

Present: Bruce Smith, Dave Perkins, Mimi Jost, Scott Young, Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Susan Barnes, Liz Evans, Jeni Menendez, Lindsey White

Opening & Introduction

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Dave to approve the November minutes. Approved.

DES Application: Shoreline Permit reviewed. Stunned by DES's allowances concerning shoreline protection, we elected to make no comment.

Guest presentation- continuing Utility corridor upgrades in Strafford. Presented by Jeni Menendez/Eversource and Lindsey White/GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

Plan entitled: 391,373,& 385 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project-2020

Will be working in the corridor that passes thru the IRCR. We discussed the potential to have some restrictive access installed after the project is complete, to be aware of a host of species which rely on the corridor's early successional habitat and to address some invasive species issues.

Post construction they will use a native seed mix for restoration.

Eversource does vegetative management on a 3 year cycle. They tend not to use herbicides.

Continuing Business

IRCR – discussed Phil Auger's suggestion that we need a trails day come spring.

Town Forest – Bre Aflague of Prof. Jeff Garnas's Lab sent a card thanking us for allowing access to our forest for EAB research.

Evans Mt.- started discussing volunteer efforts to trail build in the spring. Dave and Randy volunteered to do initial cutting with Phil Auger. Liberty Mutual//BearPaw volunteers would then have a workday to clean out the brush. Potentially late April (Dave not around) or early May.

Other

Discussion ensued about adding SELT to our annual membership dues list. Will contribute to SELT at same level as BearPaw- \$100.00 annually. This will come up for a vote during the February meeting along with the annual budget proposal.

Invasives control- briefly discussed needing to hire a professional to manage our growing invasives issues. We have a need to inventory invasives out breaks throughout our conservation lands. Mimi/Scott volunteered to collect GPS locations.

Meeting ended 8:26 pm

Next meeting: Monday, February 3 , 2020 7 pm. Town Hall. **Site Visits:** none

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young