

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 9, 2017

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Scott A. Young Harmony Anderson Susan Barnes
Randy Jacunski Irving Johnson
Guests: Mimi Jost Charlie Moreno

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Harmony to accept the December 2016 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations Charlie spoke to us about the grant wrap-up for the Town Forest. The final deadline is February 27, 2017. The only unfinished work is to put in the logging access road off Parker Mountain Road just below the Neil Mooers trail. Charlie asked the Messengers to do the work. They decided they could not tackle this project during the winter. Charlie will ask other local contractors if they will do the job (described last month).

DES Applications none

Continuing Business

IRCR Both this parking lot and the Town Forest's have been plowed and have had cars parked in them. Harmony reported seeing a family with a sled coming from the Forest Road. This indicates good reasons to have the plowing done.

Evans Mountain No news about the trail. Bear-Paw is waiting to hear of approval from LChip.

Town Forest (see IRCR)

Other

Update on

- **Labrecque, Map 4, Lot 14-2, Drake Hill Road;** Liz had a letter from DES to the owners that indicates they will be firm about holding to regulations.
- No news on the dock violations on Province Road. A similar situation exists at Brown's Pasture Road.
- Harmony had a formal invoice request from Bear-Paw for the new Auger property easement. The attorney's fee and the survey costs were almost double the estimate. Liz questioned the billing policies of Bear-Paw. Harmony will invite Dan Kern to come to our February meeting to tell how the estimates are made and what causes those costs to escalate. Approval of the payment is postponed until we hear from Dan.
- Bennett Island funding also awaits Dan's presentation. Northwood has put in a warrant article request for \$35,000.00 for the project. Bear-Paw is wondering if we would also consider one. Though they were denied some larger grants, B-P continues to look for smaller ones for the easement.

New Business Proposal from Messenger for Storer Lot work for 2017. Charlie Moreno would like the Cons Comm to review and approve if we are in agreement. (see Charlie's Guest Presentation above).

.Other

- Harmony and Liz will write the Conservation Commission message for the Annual Report. This will be the last time that they do this since both are leaving the Commission in March.
- Randy said that he is willing to write the Conservation News for the Strafford Community Calendar.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Enz Page