

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 10, 2012

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Kerry Omand Bruce Smith

Guests: Phil Auger Cecil Abels Mark West Dan Mooers

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. Introductions were made. A motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Dave to accept the August 2012 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Mark West

Abels DES application Mark made a presentation for a 1300 foot driveway to the home of Cecil Abels that will involve two culverts. This is a minimum expedited permit. A site visit was planned for 1:30 on Tuesday, September 11 by Harmony and Bruce. Liz will be available for a signature Tuesday evening.

Evans Mountain Restoration Permit Mark explained about the restoration work he has planned for Evans Mountain. Most of the water crossings are on the main road through the property and can be accomplished by stone fords, bridges or removal. Phil spoke of a bridge design used at another property that, if used, would permit permanent access for fire or logging trucks. The one crossing that would need a bridge would have to be ditched to channel the water. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Kerry moved that a bridge be built at the major water crossing. Harmony seconded. Approved.

Liz needs to send Bear-Paw Regional Greenways the authorization form notifying them of the work to be done.

Other Dan Mooers asked permission to place geocaches on the Mooers Loop in memory of his father and also some on the new Isinglass River Conservation Reserve trails. Approved by consensus. He informed us of difficulties horses have maneuvering around the gate leading onto Pig Lane. He and Phil will check this out and fix the problem.

Old Business

IRCR

Map news Phil said the big map will be printed by Friday. Harmony has the Lexan donated by All Windows and Doors in Rochester to protect it on the kiosk. They and the state officials involved in the procurement of this property should be invited on the walk scheduled by Bear-Paw for October 27.

Final Grant Accounting Liz is waiting for the last checks to clear to finish the final grant account for the IRCR.

Evans Mountain The gate on the main Evans Mountain road has been fixed and made vandal proof (hopefully). There was further discussion about the rocks placed along Evans Mountain Road blocking the snowmobile trail.

Town Forest

Bridge The building of the town forest bridge is in progress! Charlie Moreno asked to be allowed to include the builder to be included in bids for other work needing to be done in the town forest. Approved by consensus.

Matt Dustin's kiosk The kiosk did not go up as scheduled. Harmony gave Matt permission to use motorized vehicles to transport cement bags to the site.

Letter DES re: Bow Lake Property Liz spoke at length with the state representative who signed the permit.

New Business Liz reported a request to put a driveway across a jurisdictional wetland that we can discuss at the October meeting.

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, October 1, 2012 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page