

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 6, 2011

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Al Pratt Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Kerry Omand Irving Johnson

Guests: Daniel Kern Rick Hodges

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm. A motion was made by Al and seconded by Kerry to accept the May 2011 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application No actions necessary

Dan Kern - Evans Mountain Conservation Easement document - Dan distributed and gave us an overview of the conservation easement deed for Evans Mountain. He said it was a standard Bear-Paw document with added language about the riparian and wetlands to meet the needs of ARM (Aquatic Resources Mitigation). There are more than 5 miles of headwater streams on the property. Dan then went through the deed section by section. We had concerns about restrictions on camping and language for protecting current trails. Harmony asked if stewardship plans could be for just sections of the property which Dan thought would be okay. The Bear-Paw board makes all the decisions and all plans get reviewed every 10 years. With that in mind, Liz said that we need to start some guidelines for future Commissioners so they will know that ten year reviews need to be conducted on these properties. Rick Hodges wanted to know what the policy was on campfires. We pointed out that all open fires need to have a permit. Rick will make a sign to this effect. He also wondered if George Lovejoy will continue to allow camping on the ledges, a common practice of the Boy Scouts.

Old Business

40-foot dock proposal update - All who visited the site were concerned about the wetlands to the east of the property near the lake, the length of the dock in the narrow channel and the amount of trees and undergrowth that have been removed. Harmony will forward pictures to Liz.

Town Forest: Bridge update, Mowing, other - Charlie Moreno has contacted construction people in town.
The Kitz's have been seen mowing the Town Forest entrance.

IRCR: Further news about grant amount? Trail Committee work? Parking lot bids? - Harmony will call Phil to see if the grants money can be released so we can start working.
Dave and Phil were on the property doing some initial trail placement.

Rick helped us with the parking lot plans by telling us what a contractor needs to know in order to make a bid. He and Dave will go to the site and do some preliminary measuring of area and grades.

Evans Mountain: Conservation Commission input to Celebration committee, other - Not much comment. Dan and volunteers from the Northwood Hannafords did some clean up on the top of the mountain.

New Business

Bear-Paw Biothon, Wildlife photography workshop - The Biothon will be held in Raymond. Scott will be on one of the wildlife teams. Bear-Paw will be hosting a photography workshop for donors.

Standing Committee Reports

Trails Committee - see above

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, July 11 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page