

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 14, 2009

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

Guests: Phil Auger Bob Edmonds JB Cullen Tyler Martel Keith Wiley

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Dave to accept the August 2009 **minutes**. Approved.

Dan will give a financial update next month.

Guest Presentations

Grant Proposal for Pig Lane area cultural/historical activities - Bob Edmonds spoke about a grant that he and JB Cullen are applying for from the Moose Plate program. The project is called the "Isinglass Watershed Heritage Discovery Community" and will set up a long-term, permanent center of learning for public decision makers, community leaders, land trust participants, landowners, natural resource professionals, youth educators and youth. This will be done in partnership with the UNH Cooperative Extension. They will produce a trail guide and historical booklet. The two were looking for the support of the Commission.

MOTION: Harmony moved that we approve of Bob and JB going forward with the Strafford Land and Water Heritage Discovery Area. Carolyn seconded. Approved. Liz offered the backing of the Isinglass Local Advisory Committee.

Boy Scout proposal for Town Forest - Eagle Scout candidate, Tyler Martel, presented his plans for a pavilion to be located near the plaque for the town forest. He will be using wood grown on his family's property, but will need to raise funds for concrete, etc. Liz offered that some Storer Property funds could be used for a project like this. We asked that Tyler meet us for a site walk on Wednesday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m. and that he have a more complete materials list at that time. All were in favor of this project happening.

Wetlands Reserve Program - Phil Auger brought us up-to-date on the properties that we hope will be added to the Isinglass River Conservation Corridor. The negotiations are now nearing completion. All the properties will have a restoration component for the WRP grant. The plans which can be modified will pass to the town when ownership is transferred. Some of these improvements may include stopping erosion and curbing invasive species.

We need a sign for the IRCR. Phil and Liz are going to email all with samples of signs from other areas.

Other nothing

Old Business

"Pack in Pack out" sign installation - Dan had a pile of "Pack in, pack out" signs ready to be posted. Kerry will check a catalog for the hardware needed to attach a sign to a tree. Dan will drill the holes. Everyone will come to the site walk on the 23rd with a list of the trails where these will be posted.

Town Forest update, funding source for road work - Liz said that she had the permission to use funds to pay for the road work from the Storer fund in the event that the money from the limited harvest does not cover the cost. It is the understanding of the trustees that the Storer funds can be used on the entire town forest. Liz will get that interpretation in writing. George Kitz will be doing the mowing.

Stewardship plan work update - Ellen, who will be doing the plan, and Scott walked the property last week. Work on the plan will come later.

New Business - no new business

Standing Committee Reports

Land Protection Group – none

Managed Growth Group – meeting Tuesday to discuss agricultural land and back lots.

Water Quality Group – none

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, October 5

7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page