

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 14, 2015

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Susan Barnes

Guests: Mimi Jost Stephen Eaton Steve Goodspeed Phil Auger

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. Some amendments to the minutes were discussed. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Randy to accept the August 2015 **minutes** as amended. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Steve Eaton and Steve Goodspeed came to the meeting to ask the Commission to review a wetlands permit application to do grouting around the Kooauke bridge abutments. They had the forms filled out. We gave our permission by consensus and Liz signed the forms.

Phil Auger had a new DES application for a culvert replacement on Fire Lane 29. The size will be increased from 24". Approved by consensus and Liz signed the forms.

Phil also had the invoice from Bear-Paw for our share of the transaction costs for the Sumerfield easement. The total is for \$428.06 more than the \$15,000.00 we had agreed to on October 2013. This was caused by some extra acreage that was found during the survey.

MOTION: Scott moved that we pay the bill for the Sumerfield project of \$15,428.06. Susan seconded. Approved.

The Evans Mountain Road property also has a higher price tag. The estimated costs were to be \$16,000.00. The surveyor is asking for more than originally estimated and the owners want the Conservation Commission to pay for the appraisal estimated at \$2,000.00 bringing the total cost of the easement to \$22,000.00.

MOTION: Scott moved that we review our appraisal paying policy. Dave seconded. Approved. We ask if Dan Kern can find our past payments easily in his records. Liz will check our records.

MOTION: Scott moved that we approve the total project cost up to \$18,800.00. Kerry seconded. Approved. Phil will get back to us with a firm dollar amount for the appraisal.

We had a new DES application from Ann Sharpe Trueworthy for a culvert for the driveway coming off of Province Road. No action was necessary.

Continuing Business

IRCR Mimi said that she and Carolyn will be putting up Bear-Paw medallions on the Bedford Lot perimeter next week.

Town Forest Liz thanked the work party (Scott, Randy, Harmony, Carolyn, & Mimi) for the trail clearing on the Neil Mooers Trail.

Other Liz asked Phil and Mimi to remind Dan Kern to send an invoice for our dues to Bear-Paw. Town dues are \$100.00 payable in January. We add an additional \$100.00.

Kerry reported that the Berry property discussed in an earlier meeting has been sold to a private buyer.

New Business

Joseph Romano would like to donate land on Merrill Road to conservation. This 270 by 100 foot lot would give access to Merrill Road from the Boy Scout property that abuts the back side of the lot. Dave will check this out. The Romano lot is 123 Merrill Road. The lot is the next one on the right, between 125 and 133 Merrill Road.

Site Walks Lewis Tisher walk Saturday, October 3 at 10:00. Rain date is Sunday the 4th. Meet at the corner of Schribner Road and Rt. 126.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page