

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 1, 2011

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Kerry Omand
Bruce Smith Irving Johnson

Guests: Dan Kern

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Kerry to accept the July 2011 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application: There was a standard application to change some docks at the Common Area at Bow Lake Estates. No action is necessary.

Old Business

Evans Mountain

Completed survey – Total acreage has changed with the new survey. Instead of having 1015 acres, there are 971.73. Dan showed us the map of the property from this latest survey. It had the lines of the probable division of land between the Town of Strafford and Blue Hills Foundation. After a discussion, Dan said he will have the lines drawn to represent a more equal distribution. A special meeting is called for Monday, August 22 at 7:00. We will vote on this matter at that time.

Conservation Easement – Bear Paw will hold the easements on both properties. Dan distributed an updated copy of the deed. In the discussion that followed, we found that snowmobiles are still not being mentioned specifically. Dan will add this. The commissions also wants it mentioned that we would like leeway in producing a management plan because of the cost involved. We would like to be able to do parts of the plan on an “as needed” basis. Permission for scientific studies should be added to our section of the deed.

IRCR

Trails Committee Report – Trail building on the Bedford Lot is due to start on Tuesday, August 2. Other dates are scheduled to complete the work.

Approval from NOAA – Approval is not expected until fall allowing us to start the parking lot. Dan will be in touch with Rima Aviram at NOAA to let her know we need the official approval letter soon so construction can begin in early fall.

New Business

Other – Bruce reminded us about a workshop on Wednesday and reported seeing a cotton tail rabbit. He was unable to determine whether the cotton tail was an eastern (*Syvilagus floridanus*) or the more uncommon New England.(*S.transitionalis*).
Liz wondered if we should get more actively involved with invasives.

Carolyn thought that we need to find a computer person who would be willing to add maps and such to our portion of the town website. Harmony will ask for such a person in her SCC article.

Standing Committee Reports - none

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, August 22 at 7:00 pm. Town Hall
Next regular meeting September 12, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page