

**Strafford Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
December 1, 2014**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young  
Randy Jacunski Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Susan Barnes

Guests: Mimi Jost Don Clifford

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Scott to accept the November 2014 **minutes**. Approved.

**Public Hearing:** The Hearing was held to consider a contribution of \$34,000.00 to Bear Paw Regional Greenways toward the purchase of a conservation easement on the 167 acre Strafford portion of the 458 acre Crooked Run Conservation Area. This area is also known as the Boy Scout property on Province Road. Barnstead and Pittsfield are contributing for the portions in each of their towns. Our funds are to come from the Conservation Fund. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Liz moved to approve funding of the Crooked Run Conservation Area which includes 167+/- acres out of a total of 458 acres for \$34,000.00 based on review of the draft conservation deed and budget. Carolyn seconded the motion. Harmony abstained due to her Bear Paw affiliation. Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

**Don Clifford** – came to the meeting to ask about plowing the parking lots at the Town Forest and Isinglass River Conservation Reserve again this year. We paid \$1500.00 last year for both lots for the season. We all approved by consensus. We asked Don about the snowmobile gate on Evans Mountain and he reported that it has a new lock, was repainted and has reflective tape on it for safety. The gate will open around December 15. The Pig Lane gate on the IRCR has also been repainted. The gate on the power line needs attention. The Commission offered to buy new locks when needed.

**Other** The Commission was notified that the Carol Rawski properties in the Basin area (between Barn Door Gap Road and First Crown Point Road) are for sale. One property is swampy and abuts land that we own, but the asking price is not in our favor. We will take no action at this time.

**Old Business**

**IRCR** see notes for Don Clifford

**Evans Mountain** Mimi mentioned to Don that plywood was left covering some bridge grating blocking the light to the tunnel underneath. Animals will not use the passageway if they cannot see the sky. The plywood has to be removed at the end of each snowmobile season. Scott cleaned out all of the water bars on the Spencer Smith Trail. Thanks, Scott.

**Town Forest** Logging is continuing at the Town Forest, but should be done this week. Charlie Moreno extended the timber stand improvement activities to the Stiles lot while the equipment was there. Access to the property once the Storer Lot work was completed would have been difficult.

**New Business** none

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 5, 2015                      7:00 pm. Town Hall  
Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page