

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
July 1, 2013**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins
Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Bruce Smith

Guests: Tracy Degnan

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Dave to accept the June 2013 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application guests: Tracy Degnan from the Rockingham County Conservation District was asked to help with the Elmscroft, Tim Brown Property, easement here in Strafford. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Wetlands Restoration Program (WRP) needed our approval for work to be done on the two parcels.

MOTION: Liz moved that we approve for signing the DES application for wetlands restoration on the Brown Property. Dave seconded. Approved

Old Business

IRCR

Sign installation: Harmony unveiled The Isinglass “Parking” signs that were made for us free of charge by AMI. Dave, Harmony and Randy will meet on Wednesday, July 3 at 1:30 to install the signs by the entrance on New Road.

Meeting about apple tree pruning: All previous meetings were cancelled because of rain. Harmony was reminded that Cal Schroeder is a tree expert. She will contact him for advice.

EVANS MOUNTAIN

Old trail restoration: Chris Hales from Barnstead will be looking for the old trail markings. Trails went from the ledges to the summit (of Parker or Evans?) and one that connected to Evans Mt. Road. She may have some help from the Boy Scouts. She will be consulting with George Lovejoy.

Wetlands Restoration: Liz said that the wetlands restoration has been completed, but she hasn’t received the paperwork allowing that to happen. Harmony will check with Bear-Paw and Mark West to find out what has happened. Repairs had to be made to the Evans Mt. Road for Mark’s equipment to get to the restoration area.

TOWN FOREST

Spencer Smith kiosk materials: They are posted.

Bog Bridges: Harmony says that the Spencer Smith bog bridges that were installed years ago by Jerry Bowman are deteriorating and may need replacing. Harmony will talk with him to see if he wants to help. Kerry suggested that we see if Brocks in Rochester may have some “seconds” of the lumber we would need.

New Business

Carolyn will find out about the Merry Mulch program for recycling Christmas trees. Harmony will find out about the mulch program in Deerfield.

Other: Harmony announced a Moth Walk on the Johnsonboro Road on July 20. Meet at the road at 8:30 p.m. RSVP to Bear-Paw to ensure enough materials.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page