

**Strafford Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
November 24, 2009**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Al Pratt Dave Perkins  
Bruce Smith Kerry Omand

Guests: Tyler Martel William Burnell Keith Willey Gordon Page Phil Auger

**Opening and Introductions**

This irregular meeting of the Conservation Commission was opened at 7:10 pm.

**Guest Presentations**

**Tyler Martel** has agreed to make a kiosk for our signs at the future parking lot for the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. We agreed upon a straight 4 by 8 foot posting board stained a dark green (or brown) with a cedar shingle roof (unstained). It will not be installed until the parking area has been constructed.

MOTION: Dave made a motion to give Tyler \$100.00 to help with supplies. Seconded by Harmony. Approved.

Tyler will try to get materials donated as much as possible and will return any unused funds. Harmony and Bruce will see if they have enough matching shingles to donate. Liz needs to rewrite the letter for Tyler.

**Phil Auger** recapped a busy few months of behind the scenes work to procure the Evans Mountain property for conservation. This has been a major goal of the Commission for many years. This property includes almost 1,000 acres from the top of Evans Mountain to the rock ridges of Parker Mountain and abuts the Town Forest. A purchase and sales agreement is now in Phil's hands. The agreed upon price of the property is \$665,000 (down from 1.1 million!). He has 100 days (January 29) to come up with the money. Many grants have been applied for including LChip, OSI, ARM and Fish & Game who may be interested because of the land's potential as bobcat habitat.

MOTION: Al made a motion that we support this project with \$150,000. Carolyn seconded. Approved unanimously.

Phil still needs \$350,000 as a bridge loan. If anyone knows of one person with a lot of extra cash or seven people with a little less cash, please let him know.

Liz will schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, December 16, 2009. **Please note: There will be no regular meeting of the Conservation Commission on December 7. It will be held on the 16th with the public hearing.**

Phil will set up an earlier meeting with the selectmen to bring them abreast of what is happening.

**Old Business**

Harmony briefly told of a meeting with Charlie Moreno. She had the plans for the bridge for the Town Forest road. It will be built during the summer of 2010.

**Summary/Adjournment**

Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 16 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page