

**Strafford Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 2, 2014**

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

Guests: Mimi Jost

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. Welcome back, Irving! A motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Randy to accept the May 2014 **minutes** as amended by Scott (by email). Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

**DES application** none

**Old Business**

**IRCR**

**Maintenance work continued – garlic mustard pull report:** Mimi reported on a successful garlic mustard (GM) pull. Members of the Commission, Wednesday Hiking Group and two members of the UNH Cooperative Extension Stewardship Network joined her to pull seven black plastic bags of GM from the sight. More needs to be done, but she needs the name and address of the abutting land owner to ask permission to pull on that property. Liz, could you please do that? Thanks to Randy who volunteered to take the truck load of GM to the landfill.

**Evans Mountain**

**Maintenance work:** none reported

**Hike on existing trails from Evans to Spencer Smith Trail:** Dan Kern of Bear-Paw found a link from Evans Mountain peak to within 50 feet of the Spencer Smith Trail. Harmony said that he is willing to spend a Wednesday morning to show us the link. Carolyn will contact him to set a date and time.

**Other:** Harmony asked if the gates to the snowmobile trails were closed. Kerry said that Don Clifford was in charge of that. Kerry will call to find out. Kerry reported that the lock housing on the gates have been changed and are now tamper-proof.

**Town Forest**

**Maintenance work – cemetery, Town Forest sign, other:** Large pieces of bark leftover from the logging operation need to be removed from the field so it can be mowed. Scott suggested one truck with a tarp and a group to work for about an hour could do the work. Scott will email the date and time.

Scott reported that the power company removed the largest Norway Maple from along the fence row. We will check the condition of the cemetery when we clear the bark.

Scott sent a picture of the condition of the Town Forest sign. It is rotting, but still legible. We will wait until we have maps of the new trails and possibly coordinate the sign with a kiosk.

The bottom portion of the Red Trail needs to be rerouted to join the new road system and avoid sensitive areas. Charlie Moreno has volunteered to do an explanatory walk of the forestry work with us in June. Harmony will call to find a date and time.

**Forestry practices this summer:** A timber stand improvement may be scheduled.

**Website thoughts?** Harmony will talk to Diane Waldron about getting more pictures on the sight and finding out how much changing the Water Street picture would cost.

**Other:** Carolyn asked about updates on the new property easements. Harmony will find out if there is any progress.

**New Business** - none

**Other**

**Dates: Site Walks**\_\_\_\_\_ **TBA**\_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 7 7:00 pm. Town Hall

**Calendar article ideas**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page