

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 2, 2011**

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

Guests: George Lovejoy Dan Kern Phil Auger

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm.

Harmony explained the need to have a position title when signing official documents for the commission. Since she has been performing in the roll of co-chair for many years, this was not an issue. Co-chair Harmony - Approved by consensus.

A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Dave to accept the April **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Phil Auger - A successful Evans dividing line: The committee consisting of Liz, Harmony, Phil, Dave, Dan and George came to an agreement as to where the dividing line will be placed between the land to be owned by the Blue Hills Foundation and the Town. Phil distributed a preliminary map showing fixed lines on either end of the property and some dotted lines in the middle roughly following the 900 foot contour line. The dotted lines will be modified in the final plan by the surveyor who is working on the project currently. There will be a common right to cross the property lines for such things as research. The recommendation that we accept this proposal was made. Approved by consensus.

Conservation Easement details: Will be discussed in detail next month.

DES applications: Liz presented a standard dredge and fill permit for a property on Bow Lake. We were concerned about the length of the dock and the narrowness of the waterway at this site. We will meet for a site review on Saturday afternoon. Harmony will send an email with time and place.

Old Business

IRCR parking lot/trails RTP grant: Liz read a letter confirming our receipt of the Moose Plate Grant for \$19,000.00 dollars. Contractors now need to be lined up to do the work. Phil will contact Charlie Moreno to obtain his list of town contractors who may wish to bid on work to be done on the parking lot and other jobs needing equipment. Dave and Phil will lay out a preliminary trail. Liz will check out the wet lands and the culvert needed for crossing. Harmony will send a list of the trail volunteers with addresses to Phil.

Bob Edmonds and JB Cullen also got a Moose Plate Grant for an educational trail on the IRCR. We will see if the trails and parking lot can be coordinated.

Other: Charlie Moreno did a showing of the town forest bridge site last week.

New Business

Evans Mountain Celebration Committee startup: Harmony and Carolyn plus members of the Flocking Committee and Bear-Paw will be members of this committee to plan a celebration to be held sometime in the fall.

Other: Liz had a request from two UNH students who would like to do some experiments on nitrogen in temperate forests on Parker Mountain. This will be accomplished by taking soil cores. Bruce suggested that we ask for a copy of the report. Approved by consensus.

After a discussion about the locked gates now on Evans Mountain and the IRCR, the following motion was made:

MOTION: That the Conservation Commission grant permission to commission members, Bear-Paw officials, the Strafford police department and fire department and NH Fish and Game to patrol conservation lands. Approved by consensus. Keys to the gate were given to Phil and Bruce.

Signs or another gate need to be installed at the eastern end of the woods road into the Evans Mountain property.

Standing Committee Reports

Trails Committee -

Managed Growth Group –

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, June 6 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page