

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 2, 2015

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Susan Barnes
Guests: Mimi Jost Don Clifford Matt Dustin

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Harmony to accept the October 2015 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Don Clifford – Don came to offer his services for plowing the IRCR and Town Forest parking lots. After a discussion, it was decided that the IRCR definitely needed to be plowed, but we will reserve the right to cancel plowing of the Town Forest if there appears to be no usage.

Matt Dustin – Matt brought a power point presentation of his audit of the current state of the Spencer Smith Trail. Some water bars need to be fixed especially where water is getting beneath them. We need to have some training so that repair can be on-going. We also need a group that will be able to do the work. A separate trail crew or the Boy Scouts were suggested. Harmony will call Paul Eaton, scout master, to see if his group can take this on. Matt is willing to do the instruction. Harmony will also highlight this problem in her SCC article.

Continuing Business

IRCR – Logs fallen across the Meadows Trail need to be cleared. Randy will do that. There are also some trees down along the snowmobile trail. Kerry will see to that.

Evans Mountain – Mimi is currently monitoring the southern edge of the easement. At the top, a blaze tree has been taken down. The owner wants to put electric lines underground starting at that point.

Town Forest – Key/lock problems continue. Scott asked to be notified when they are changed.

Tisher Property – Mimi and Scott went out to the property. Scott said that it is a beautiful piece of land with upland hardwoods, wetlands in one corner and a stream with waterfalls. Mimi had a map that showed that this land is of the highest ranked habitat by the state. There is no evidence of hazardous waste or other contamination. Liz is in phone contact with Mr. Tisher and will tell him that we accept his gift of land. By consensus.

Merrill Rd/Romano Property – Harmony will take a map of the property to Dan Kern at Bear-Paw to see if they are interested in this piece that allows access to the Boy Scout easement.

New Business

Lynn Sweet has invited the Commission to walk the Cooper easement which she purchased to view the recent logging operations on the property. Phil Auger has done monitoring this fall. We agreed on Sunday, November 15 at 10:00. Liz will check with Lynn to confirm.

Dates: Site Walks _____ **Nov 15 @ 10:00** _____

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page