

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 3, 2009**

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Al Pratt Dave Perkins Scott A. Young Dan Phelan
Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Kerry Omand

Guests: Phil Auger

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Al and seconded by Scott to accept the July 2009 **minutes** as amended. Approved.

Financial Update: Dan contacted the town treasurer who will answer his questions by next month.

Guest Presentations

Phil Auger -

MOTION: Al made a motion that the Commission go into a non-public session. Seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

Discussion with Phil.

MOTION: Dave made a motion that the Conservation Commission in spirit agrees to the proposal as outlined for the King and neighboring properties.

DES application none

Old Business

Town forest update Greg Messenger was chosen to build the forest road. He had the lowest bid and a favorable completion time. We will need to figure out how to pay him. Some money may be available from the timber harvest. Liz will check. Again, the topic of a "forestry account" was discussed. This will have to be brought before the Town Meeting. There will be reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The alternative is to see if the trustees of the Storer Fund will consider this Storer Lot improvement. Liz will check.

"Pack in Pack out" sign update The signs are being made. They will be 20 aluminum. We need a list of places for installation and a group to do the placement. Carolyn will send Dan a picture of the spring loaded nails. Dan will email the group to set the date for installation when the signs are ready.

Fun Activity None needed with the Bear Paw activity this month. Maybe we can have an event when we install the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve sign that Liz is working on getting.

New Business

Conservation Notes column In Harmony's absence, we need some input for the Conservation Column. Dan was asked about the Energy Committee. He said their separate article was already underway and preferred it to stand alone. Liz will write a bit about the Pack in Pack out signs. Bruce will contribute a paragraph on turtles.

Cahill bill The conservation easement on the Cahill property between Willey Pond Road and Evans Mountain Road is completed. Liz presented the bill covering the transfer fees from Bear Paw that we agreed to pay.

MOTION: Al made a motion that we pay \$10,627.35 (ten thousand six hundred twenty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents) for the Cahill easement. Scott seconded. Approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Land Protection Group – nothing

Managed Growth Group – Members are doing research on preserving agricultural land and architectural guideline for future town growth.

Water Quality Group – nothing

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, September 14. 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page