

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
December 3, 2012**

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

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm. Amendments to the November minutes were discussed and noted. A motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Liz to accept the November 2012 **minutes** as amended. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application Liz presented a plan for Mark Whitcher's new home on Bow View Drive. SITE WALK: Wednesday, December 12. Meet at the Bow Lake Grange Hall at 1:55.

Other DES representatives have indicated that they would like to come to one of the Conservation Commission meetings. They will be welcomed at the January 7, 2013 meeting if agreeable. The Loon Preservation Society would also like to attend.

As follow up to last month's DES application, Liz reported that the Marine Patrol found no hazards to navigation would be present if a dock were erected in the channel near Bow Lake dam.

Old Business

IRCR There was a discussion about the signs for the Educational Discovery Area. It was determined that Bob Edmonds has just ordered them.

Evans Mountain Liz will put together a meeting between Kerry Omand and Shawn Barry from the Snow Mobile Club and George Lovejoy when he is in residence.

Town Forest

Road Project News Charlie Moreno is asking for a deadline extension for the forest road since it is difficult for construction at this time of year. Hopefully it can wait until spring.

Matt Dustin's kiosk The kiosk is up on the Spencer Smith Trail. The following suggestions were made for items to be posted on it: Picture of Matt and scouts doing the work (and thanking them), an ad for people to adopt a water bar, a topographical map of the lands and trails of the town forest, and info on accessing maps on the town website. Mention was once again made of the woman from Camp Foss who has some maps made by the camps. Liz will try to locate her.

Maple sugaring The commissioners still had many questions about the possible tapping of some maples along the Town Forest stone wall abutting the George Kitz property. A motion was made by Kerry then tabled pending a site walk with Ed Pape. Liz will find out a convenient time. MOTION: Allow Ed Pape to tap trees in the Town Forest for the 2013 sugaring season. Tabled.

New Business

Exploration Kits for JB/Bob Edmonds section of IRCR Harmony read a letter from Bob to the library. Bob hopes that the water exploration kits for students can be housed at the library to serve a wide area of young learners. He has one hundred dollars available for the purchase of such kits. Harmony will look into the purchase. Liz will contact Mary Alice Fischer about what the school has available. Bruce will advise on the choice of equipment.

Other Harmony's neighbor asked about a small parcel of land belonging to the town. The property of about five acres, often referred to as the May Howard Lot, is located along the power line. Since no one knew exactly where this is, we'll do a future site walk to discover it.

Dates: Site Walks_____

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

Calendar article ideas

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page