

**Strafford Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
January 3, 2011**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young  
Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Kerry Omand

Guests: Phil Auger

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. Liz made two amendments to the December minutes. IRCR Issues should read: The Conservation Commission received the Moose Plate Grant that was designed by JB Cullen and Bob Edmonds. And under Applications, the last sentence should be stricken. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Harmony to accept the December 2010 **minutes**. Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

**DES application** none

**Phil Auger**

**Eliasberg final numbers, next steps** - The exact acreage for the Eliasberg lots has been finalized. The amount owed for this transaction comes in under the amount set aside for our original estimates. Liz will do a press release to the local papers and Harmony will put a notice in the Strafford Calendar inviting folks to a public hearing on this property acquisition.

**Meeting with Blue Hills Foundation - Cons Comm consensus** - This was a lengthy discussion about ownership of the Evans Mountain property. With our comments and concerns in mind, Liz, Dave, and Harmony will represent the town of Strafford at a meeting at Phil Auger's office on Wednesday, January 19th at 4:15. Also at this meeting, Mark West and Dan Kern will represent Bear-Paw, and George Lovejoy will represent the Blue Hills Foundation in the discussion to determine final ownership of this property.

**Other** nothing

**Old Business**

**IRCR (Isinglass River Conservation Reserve) infringement update** - The meeting mentioned in last month's minutes took place with one of the abutters of the property. Phil believes that they now understand that they no longer own the property that they sold and are not allow to continue using it.

The other abutter did not respond to the letter sent by Harmony. She will make a phone call to these people.

**Sign installation** - Dave screwed signs into the new gates on the IRCR and the one gate that he could reach on the Evans Mountain property.

**Replacement Cons Comm member update** - Kerry has the application form to become a permanent commissioner to be submitted to the selectmen.

**Fire Station parking proposal news** - Bruce updated us on the status of this project.

## **New Business**

**Application form for renewing Cons Comm members** - Dave and Harmony need to fill out the new application forms to continue in their positions for the next three years.

**Annual Report deadline** - The deadline is approaching. Harmony will start writing the report and send it to Liz.

**IRCR application** - Harmony will apply for two grants to help with the construction of the parking lot and trails. She will consult with town contractors for pricing details. The deadline is January 21.

**Light pollution** - The question was raised: Should the Conservation Commission be working to reduce light pollution. While we don't want to put a burden on people who have non-complying outside lighting, we did agree that it would be a good idea to raise the consciousness of folks in town through Harmony's articles in the Strafford Calendar. We could also ensure that any future lighting will comply with new guidelines and the wishes expressed in the master plan. Phil says that he will share a good model ordinance from Nottingham.

**Finances** - This is the time of year when the Conservation Commission needs to pay its dues to the other organizations we work with. The only funds available are in the Rollover Fund. After our other expenditures, there is only enough money to pay Bear-Paw. There is no money for the Cocheco and Suncook Watershed Associations.

MOTION: Dave moved that we pay \$200.00 to Bear-Paw. Seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

**Website** - Harmony asked us to think about other things that we want on the Commission Website. Carolyn said that the Big Tree list for the town has been requested. She will see to this.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

**Managed Growth Group** – Planning Board public hearing, Ag Land protection ordinance proposal

## **Summary/Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page