

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 3, 2011

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Kerry Omand
Bruce Smith Irving Johnson

Guests: Phil Auger Dan Kern Shawn Barry Don Clifford

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Kerry to accept the September 2011 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Evans Mountain Survey Dan Kern and Phil brought in a revision to the final survey map with the last small change. The surveyor found more of the stone wall referred to in last month's minutes and used it to be the division line between Blue Hills Foundation property and the Town's. By moving the line, the Town gains two more acres.

Trail Committee Guest Phil brought in another bid for the Brontosaurus work on the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. It would have come to \$5,000.00 for two day's work versus the \$2,000.00 bid from Jack Bronnenberg.

MOTION: Dave made a motion to accept Jack's offer to do the bronto work on the IRCR. Carolyn seconded. Approved.

Phil will call Jack to see when he can start and when he needs to be paid so Liz can make sure funding is available this month. Phil reminded us that the multiflora rose will have to be sprayed in the spring. A discussion on the bridgework needed for the trails followed.

MOTION: Kerry made a motion to approve funds for lumber and hardware not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the bridges needed for the Meadow Lot. Dave seconded. Approved.

DES application Liz had two standard dredge and fill applications. The first is for the dock and beach on a lot next to the new house between Province Road and Bow Lake. The other is for improving the road to Cory Coldwell's for better erosion control and creating better ditches. This land falls under the jurisdiction of the Shoreland Protection Act. They have approved of the work.

Other Dan said that the Department of Environmental Service's Aquatic Resources Mitigation money has been approved and we should be able to close soon on the Evans Mountain property.

Old Business

Evans Mountain

Next step: Planning Board meeting October 6, 2011. The Commissioners are encouraged to attend this meeting at which the survey map of Evans Mountain will be presented for their approval.

Celebration Event October 15, 2011. All plans are underway and the invitations have been received. There will be a lunch of pulled pork and coleslaw and vegetarian chili, music and guided hikes. A limo will ferry attendees from the parking area by Mel Liston to the festivities.

IRCR:

Trail Committee Report: see above

Parking Lot Work Begun: Progress is slow

Town Forest

No Bridge news: We have heard no further from Charlie.

Mowing: It's being done. A better billing system will help out this year.

Other: Guests Don Clifford and Shawn Barry arrived to discuss the gates and locks on Evans Mountain and the IRCR. Don will get new locks making sure all have the same key. He reported painting the gates a bright yellow for visibility and will add reflective tape. He said one of Dave's signs was missing.

Liz asked Don if he was willing to meet with George Lovejoy to discuss where the snowmobile trail crosses onto the Blue Hills Foundation land. Don is more than happy to do so. Discussion ensued about access to do trail work.

MOTION: Liz made a motion to approve the use of four-wheeled vehicles to do yearly trail maintenance. Dave seconded. Approved.

New Business**Standing Committee Reports****Summary/Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page