

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 4, 2013

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

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Harmony to accept the January 2013 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application Liz had an application for the former Tasker Property on Evans Mountain Road now owned by Ken and Elena Super. They want permission to deepen two wet areas to form irrigation ponds for the blueberry fields they want to restore and other small fruit plants. This was for our interest only. No action was needed.

Old Business

Report of Loon Society Conversation with DES: Scott had a letter from the Loon Society in reference to their pending meeting with DES about permitting. In the meantime, there are hopes that the law may be a little stricter in the future. We were asked to make sure there is no more removal of the shoreland vegetation on the point of land near the loon nesting site which had started regrowth. DES plans to come to one of our Conservation Meetings in the future.

IRCR

Discovery Center Signs JB Cullen has the signs and will get in touch with Phil Auger who has offered to put them up.

Parking Lot Plowing – Warrant Article? Liz says that the best thing to do is to use the money from our Land Rights Fund. The Department of Revenue Administration oversight division said we could use the fund provided we have a public hearing. Greg Messenger, Road Agent, said that we should figure on fifty dollars per plowing and ten storms a year. Liz will put a notice of public hearing in the paper. Bruce asked if the Strafford Calendar could be considered a paper of general distribution since it reaches more Strafford citizens than Foster's Daily Democrat and the placement of the notice would be much cheaper for us.

Evans Mountain Liz reported on a phone call she had from an enthusiastic Barnstead woman who said she knows the old trails from the camps at Willey Pond. We will be in touch with her in the spring to find and mark these trails. The woman also said that the Boston Boy Scout Troop uses the camp in the fall and she thinks the Scouts would be available to help reestablish the trails. Liz said that any trails on the Evans Mountain properties would have to be checked out by an official team and rerouted around sensitive sites.

Town Forest

Maple Sugaring Question Site Walk? Liz has not heard from the person since the initial request.

Other The road extension is still being planned.

Annual Report: Due immediately. Harmony will work on it tonight.

New Business: Commission terms conclude for Liz, Kerry, and Carolyn. Liz distributed applications for them to reapply. Randy and Susan were both also given applications to fill Al Pratt's place and to be an alternate.

Dates: Site Walks _____none_____

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Calendar article ideas: future public hearing on plowing funds?

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page