

**Strafford Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**January 4, 2016**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Scott A. Young  
Randy Jacunski Bruce Smith Susan Barnes Irving Johnson  
Guests: Mimi Jost Eric Rowe

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Harmony to accept the January 2014 **minutes** as amended. Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

Eric Rowe joined us to lay out his plan for the road and powerline project he wants to do. It is his wish to cut across approximately 80 feet of easement property to bury his electric line. He noted that the town reserves the right to make a parking lot at the top. His proposal is to put the parking lot on top of his buried line. He will use material from a part of the road he is remaking as fill for the parking lot and will put a liner and good gravel over the surface for us. Work will be done by Rocky Tasker and Gregg Messenger.

Further, he wants the snowmobile trail moved to along his property line with the easement. This will involve removing bull pines. Eric will also pay for the moving of the trail.

In the discussion that followed, we set a site visit date of Thursday, January 7 at 1:00. Mimi and Harmony will find out about the legal implications of using easement property from Bear-Paw.

**Continuing Business**

**IRCR** It is getting winter use. A number of cars have been spotted in the plowed parking area.

**Evans Mountain** See guest presentation above.

**Town Forest** There evidence of use of this plowed parking area as well.

**Other Update on Barn Door Gap – NH DES enforcement action** Liz read parts of the response to the violation complaint. Restorations need to be completed by May 1.

Another violation complaint has been filed about a new boat lift on Water Street on town property. The owner has 20 days to respond.

**Email reply from Cecil Abels III;** he may visit us to talk about trails.

**New Business**

**Bobcat season- do we want to write a letter?** Bruce provided the following: A rule allowing trapping and hunting of bobcat has been drafted by F&G staff game biologists. This was done at the direction of the F&G Commission, It will now require review, comment and hearings that involve the public. A final decision as to it going forward or not will follow. A press release with specifics on the next steps in the process will be out shortly. Other Conservation Commissions are considering a letter stating that they will close their lands to hunting if bobcat hunting/trapping is allowed. At this point there is an estimated 1100 of the species in the state. We will consider sending a letter.

**NHACC** Sue reported going to the mapping workshop where they unveiled the new set of maps with overlays. This is available on the website. She also attended a legal session and heard some interesting stories of the problems that can occur with easements.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 1 7:00 pm. Town Hall  
Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Enz Page