

Strafford Conservation Commission

Minutes

March 4, 2013

Present: Liz Evans, Scott Young, Dave Perkins, Kerry Omand, Harmony Anderson, Bruce Smith, Randy Jacunski

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm. The minutes, amended with two typos corrected, were approved.

Guest Presentations

There were no guests and no DES applications to consider.

Liz reported that Darlene Forst of DES had called to indicate that representatives of DES are planning to attend a Conservation Commission meeting to discuss our issues in the near future. Liz gave her the dates of our next two meetings and asked that she let us know which they will attend.

Old Business

IRCR

The Commission will hold a public hearing sometime this summer or early fall to discuss the use of Conservation Fund money for plowing of our public lands parking lots next winter as allowed by the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

Evans Mountain

The woman with the maps of the old trails on Evans Mountain has not called Liz, so Liz will get in touch with her.

Town Forest

Liz reported that all bills have been paid for work so far on the road and bridge in the town forest. NRCS has given an official extension in the time needed to complete the road extension onto the Edgerly Lot. The work is all part of the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) grant we received several years ago that needs to be completed in 2017.

We discussed items to go onto Matt Dustin's new kiosk on the Spencer Smith trail. These could include a topo or aerial view of the area which can be accessed online and possibly printed in large format by Staples or other printer. Scott will look into getting that online as he is currently taking a class in this sort of thing. In Matt's original plan he suggested notices of trail rules and trail etiquette. There will be some funds available for producing the materials, but because more trails will come later and require a changed map, we don't want to spend too much to get something up this spring.

New Business

Liz passed around a notice of hearings concerning State financing of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) that will be held around the state this month. Several members express interest in attending the closest one to be held on Monday, March 18th, from 5:00 to 8:30 pm at the Rochester Community Center.

Dates: Site Walks _____None

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1st 7:00 pm. Town Hall **Calendar Ideas** _____

Respectfully submitted,
Harmony Anderson