

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
December 5, 2016

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

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm. After a discussion on wording, a motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Scott to accept the November 2016 **minutes** as amended. Approved.

DES Applications – Labrecque, Map 4, Lot 14-2, Drake Hill Road; note violation complaint and abutter concerns; Town has issued a cease and desist.

The property was visited by Dave Price, the DES violations specialist, who has recommended that stumped chips be spread on all bear ground immediately. He wants Randy Orvis, the surveyor and wetlands scientist, to delineate the wetlands better and would like to see the bridge relocated farther up the stream where it is less prone to flooding.

Liz produced a draft of a letter written in collaboration with Scott for us to look over. She will forward a copy by email for our comments. Harmony felt very strongly about putting an opening paragraph explaining the waste of time and money involved and the frustration by all concerned by improper permitting.

Continuing Business

IRCR Discussed the need for control of the invasive bittersweet and others.

Evans Mountain Harmony told of viewing the giant moon from the peak.

Town Forest The Barrington Scouts asked permission to camp in the Town Forest. Liz learned from our fire department that by them getting a fire permit and permission from the Conservation Commission, that we are legally responsible if anything happens. It seems that they come here because Barrington won't give them a permit.

Other

- Have not heard back from the State about the illegal docks at Caswell Cove.
- Discussion was held on the Selectmen's budget proposal and agreement reached on the funds needed for the coming year. Liz will turn the budget and explanation in on Tuesday.
- Susan reported on her attendance at the NHACC Annual Conference where she attended sessions on Town Forests and Habitat for Endangered Species. She had some interesting information about our neighbors, the National Guard.
- Harmony talked about an interesting project that is being done in Kingston to get children out into nature on the town trails. She also reported that two grants have fallen through for Bennett Island.
- Bob Perry has inquired about our interest in his property. We are interested, but the property needs some work done before we can move forward.
- Scott told of the towns around us having problems with rogue mountain bike trails being made and in some case being used other a good length of time before they are found. The erosion was well underway. Scott found some sites on the internet showing the trails. Harmony will ask in her Calendar article for help in spotting any new trails.

New Business Liz had a proposal from Messenger for the Storer Lot work which involves cutting a short road of about 375 feet off of Rte. 126 for logging trucks and preparing a landing. Liz will see if Charlie Moreno has asked anyone else for a proposal.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 2, 2017 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page