

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 5, 2012

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Scott A. Young Kerry Omand
Bruce Smith Irving Johnson

Guests: Susan Barnes sbspdisp@metrocast.net Randy Jacunski rjacunsk@crhc.org

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. Amendments to the October minutes were discussed. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Scott to accept the October 2012 **minutes as amended**. Approved.

Guest Presentations (none)

DES application Liz presented a request for a 24.7 foot dock that was already installed in Bow Lake on a point of land near the dam. The dock protrudes into a channel between the land and an island. Being concerned about boaters' safety, Marine Patrol will be called to see if the dock poses a navigational hazard.

Old Business

Site walk reports on two properties Bruce and Carolyn reported that the sites met with our approval for wetland crossings as planned.

Bow Lake shoreline concern/DES letter Commissioners read and approved of the draft of a letter to the Department of Environmental Services.

MOTION: Carolyn moved that we send the letter to DES. Harmony seconded. Approved.

IRCR – Map and kiosk complete! Dave and Phil installed the Lexan on the kiosk. Liz will email Phil to make sure all of the signs are up on the Discovery Trails. Liz has an additional Moose Plate sign that Kerry will make sturdy before placement. Ideas for where it should go are being accepted. Photos will need to be taken. Liz also mentioned that the final grant money arrived.

Evans Mountain A meeting between the snowmobile club, Strafford Swamp Stompers, represented by Kerry Omand and Shawn Barry will be set up with George Lovejoy to determine where the trail should cross the Evans Mountain road.

Town Forest – Bridge complete! Scott sent pictures of the completed bridge.

MOTION: Harmony moved that we pay the additional \$1,000.00 for gravel needed for the approach to the bridge. Kerry seconded. Approved

Road project The forest road needs to be extended now that the bridge is complete. Charlie Moreno had contractors out to look at the site. The road had already been marked and now needs approval by the NRCS. He expects the bids by next week and has asked for a special meeting of the commission to open the bids and choose a provider. Liz will call the meeting.

Matt Dustin report Harmony read a letter from Matt reporting on the progress made on the water bar project on the Spencer Smith Trail. He expects to have his kiosk up by November 17 at which point we will need to have information to put on it.

New Business

Weidman Lot Liz reported on a request from Ed Pape to tap the maple trees along the stone wall by the Kitz property. This will be considered next month. There is some precedent in that we allow hunting on the property.

Sledding Party Harmony thought that would be fun to have on the hill going down to the new bridge.

Plowing We now have two parking lots for public paths. Harmony will appeal to residents to see if we can find a volunteer for each lot.

Other The Kitz's have been asked for a bill for mowing.

Dates: Site Walks none

Next Meeting: Monday, December 3, 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Calendar article ideas Harmony, have you ever written about the Discovery Trails?

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page