

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 5, 2009

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Al Pratt Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Dan Phelan Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Kerry Omand

Guests: Bob Powers Shawn Barry Mike Harris Bob Edmonds Tyler Martel William Burnell
Phil Auger

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Liz to accept the October 2009 **minutes**. Approved.

No financial report

Guest Presentations

Robert Powers - drainage concern Bob's neighbor has created a condition that changes the drainage pattern of the hill causing flooding on Bob's property. We will have a site walk on Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. 80 Lake Shore Drive.

Tyler Martel - pavilion update Tyler brought in impressive folders for each commissioner with his plans and site pictures for the pavilion he will be building at the town forest. We approved of a letter Liz wrote in support of the project including our intent to help financially.

MOTION: Dave made a motion that we make a cash match of funds raised by Tyler up to the amount of \$500.00 toward the purchase of supplies for the pavilion if the trustees of the Storer fund agree.

Carolyn seconded. Approved.

Tyler will be hosting a dinner on November 14th to raise funds.

Bob Edmonds - grant proposal update This was a follow-up on last month's presentation on the Pig Lane Discovery Center. It was decided that the grant that he and JB Cullen are applying for should come to the town of Strafford instead of going through the Cooperative Extension. Bob and Liz will work out the details. A copy of the application was given to Carolyn for the records.

Bedford Property trail improvements - Shawn Barry and Mike Harris from the Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club came to propose a sixteen foot bridge across a wet area on the Bedford property. Pictures showed logs across area at present. Phil Auger volunteered to check out the site with them and said that no permits were needed if the abutments were not in the wetlands. The Club can get a grant for materials.

MOTION: Dave made a motion to allow the Snowmobile Club to build a bridge on the Bedford Property. Harmony seconded. Approved.

Harmony volunteered to notify Bear Paw of their intent to do this. The project needs to be mentioned in the recreation plans for the property.

Phil Auger - WRP projects update Phil said that the cost of the properties were on a per acre basis and the survey has not been done yet.

Old Business

Town Forest update - Charlie Moreno is going to the Natural Resources Conservation Service to help with putting together what is needed to pay for the road in the town forest.

"Pack in Pack out" sign update - Dave installed the first sign on the new road in the town forest during our site walk last month. Aluminum nails with non-rusting washers will be used to attach the signs to trees. Harmony will post the sign on the school property. Al will do the Spencer Smith Trail and Carolyn will do both ends of the Mooers Loop. Bruce will post one at Blue Job. The remaining signs will be used for the IRCR properties. Other possibilities are the Mica Mine, Little Niagara and Saunders Ledge.

Stewardship plan - Will start in November

IRCR sign update - The deadline is approaching.

New Business

Phil Auger - new possibilities

MOTION: Scott make a motion to pay \$1,800.00 for the appraisal on a piece of property that was up for auction. Dave seconded. Approved.

Other - Bruce reminded us of the Volunteer Biological Assessment Program that will be done on the Nippo Brook and two Isinglass sites in Barrington, a free workshop to train people to use the NHF&G Wildlife Action Plan and the State of Estuaries Conference that is coming up.

Standing Committee Reports

Land Protection Group – Carolyn asked about some channeling of run-off on a property. Liz thinks that it is not a wetlands issue.

Managed Growth Group – Meeting next Tuesday.

Water Quality Group – Liz said the Southeast Watershed Alliance is having the Fluvial-Geomorphology Meeting at the Barrington town offices at 5:00.

Dates: Site Walks Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Calendar article ideas Looking for a Strafford representative to the Watershed Alliance.

Summary/Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page

