

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 6, 2012

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Kerry Omand
Bruce Smith Jo Ann Brown

Guests: Randy Jacunski Peter Nourse Chris Silke

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Kerry to accept the July 2012 minutes. Approved.

Guest Presentations

Peter Nourse, Rochester Public Works Director, and Chris Silke, Rochester Engineering Consultant from Wright-Pierce were present to ask for our approval of an in-stream flow monitor on the Berrys River. The Town of Barrington has asked that a minimum flow be maintained over the dam at the Rochester Reservoir. To do this, they will monitor the flow of the river at a site on the Pike property (permissions have been granted by Bear-Paw). Another monitor will be placed at the divergence to the reservoir. Data will be available in quarterly reports and in real time on the internet.

MOTION: Harmony moved that we sign off on the permit to place monitoring equipment on the Berrys River. Kerry seconded. Approved.

DES application none

Phil Auger – Boy Scout Property, Trail Committee Phil was not present. Randy and Dave gave an update on the Trail Committee's construction of the Aldo Leopold benches. Eight were completed and arrangements were made for their placement. Dave will take the braces off the kiosk. Those helping will meet Wednesday afternoon.

Old Business

IRCR – Celebration, What's needed? The celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lemonade and cookies will be served. Harmony will get balloons and napkins. We accepted a generous donation from Irving Johnson. Dave, Randy, Carolyn, Harmony and others will be there to welcome guests. Harmony will measure the kiosk and get plexi-glass. Carolyn will check out a source. Phil will have the maps this week. The map and thank you sign will be on the kiosk. Other possibilities were discussed including "pack it in/ pack it out", "no motorized wheeled vehicles", "hikers, hunters, fishermen welcome" and a thank you to the trail committee.

Evans Mountain – Matt Dustin and Scouts putting up his kiosk this week. What can go on it? We will discuss this in September.

A discussion took place about the boulders on both sides of the Evans Mountain Road and the inability of fire equipment to go through them.

Town Forest – Bridge? Nothing new has happened. The Bridge must be built by September.

New Business none

Other Bruce says that information on turkey broods should be sent into the State Fish and Game Website.

Liz wanted input for a letter she is writing to the Department of Environmental Services about the Wetlands and Shoreland permits on the Defeo property visited in a site walk earlier this spring.

Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, September 10 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page