

**Strafford Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**February 6, 2012**

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

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm. A motion was made by Scott to accept the January 2012 minutes. Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

**DES application** Liz had two applications:

1. Mr. Defeo is building a large house on the north shore of Bow Lake on a point of land next to the Brown's field which is in a conservation easement. The request is to move rocks in the lake to allow boats to approach a large dock that is also part of the request. The plans call for putting a second dock father away from the house, but not needing rock removal. A beach is also planned. Trees have been removed and the building started. Scott says that this was a great wildlife area. We will do a site walk on Friday, February 10 at 3:00. To park, drive down the long driveway with the snow fence.
2. AMI is planning to build a large facility to do printing in the location where National Fiber would have been built, next to a gravel pit. Reclamation of the pit was part of the original agreement. DOT requires a turn-off lane on Route 202A (Drake's Hill Road) for commercial traffic that will be turning. The application was for a renewal for the permit for wetlands impact for the deceleration lane. The commission does not need to do anything with this.

**Other** Liz talked with Molly Reeve, director of Camp Foss, who will be living at the camp full time. She is interested in rejuvenating the camp's hiking trails that connect with Parker and Evans Mountains trails. She has the old maps and information on the area. She could be a great resource for us as we plan our trails on the mountains.

**Old Business**

**Evans Mountain:** The warrant article to have the town drop its executory interest in the property has been written by a lawyer. We need to make sure it gets passed.

Liz pointed out that we should have a copy of Mark West's wetlands report, and Blue Hills Reservation should also have a copy. Scott said we also needed copies of Dan Sperduto's natural communities and rare plants report. Harmony will look into this.

**IRCR:** Harmony spoke to Bill Lord about reclaiming the apple trees that were revealed after Jack Bronnenberg's brontosaurus work. He agreed to look at them. We must remember to get back to this area in the spring to finish the work with the invasives.

**Town Forest:** Our bridge needs to go in this summer. Kerry talked to Ralph Twombly who just helped with a bridge in Northwood Meadows much like the one we need to build. He is with the Eames Company in Epsom. Liz will give this information to Charlie Moreno to follow up. She also said the engineering group that made our plans no longer is with the NRCS, but we probably have no recourse with the plans that are both over and under-built at the same time.

**Little Niagara Area site walk:** Postponed until ice-out.

**Leopold Bench project:** End of June.

**Possible Warrant Article:** We were considering writing a warrant article to fund management activities on our town lands, including the new Evans Mountain tract. The Department of Revenue has advised that stewardship activities may be funded out of our Conservation and Lands Rights Fund provided that proper hearings have been held.

We will be receiving some land use change money this year.

**Conservation Commission 2012 Report:** It is due Tuesday, February 07, 2012. Harmony will start writing it soon.

**New Business** Carolyn was wondering about the Brownell's who were the first to donate a conservation easement on their land. They had to pay for some of the requirements to do that and no one else has had to. Looking back thru the records, Liz found that between the town and Bear-Paw, they were reimbursed.

The question was asked about our need to do wetlands mitigation on the Eliasberg and King properties. Harmony will find out.

**Other:**

Liz asked for permission to pay our \$200.00 fees to Bear-Paw and the bill of \$3,250.00 to Jack Bronnenberg. Approved by consensus.

**Summary/Adjournment**

Next meeting date: Monday, March 5, 2012 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page