# Strafford Conservation Commission Minutes January 6, 2015

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young

Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Irving Johnson Susan Barnes

Guests: Mimi Jost

## **Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Harmony and seconded by Dave to accept the December 2014 **minutes.** Approved.

## **Guest Presentations**

**DES application** There was a Permit By Notification to allow the land owners at Pointe Trinity to add 10 cubic yards of sand to their beach. A discussion was held.

MOTION: Dave moved that we neither endorse nor sign the document. Seconded by Kerry. Approved. The PBN will be approved in 25 days without our signatures, but we will maintain our rights to monitor the location.

### **Old Business**

**IRCR** Carolyn showed the "No horses" signs that were donated by AMI to the Commission. They will be placed in good weather no later than early spring.

Evans Mountain Nothing new.

**Town Forest** There was further discussion about the Norway maples. George Kitz, owner of the abutting property is in favor of cutting the mother tree and the invasive saplings. George has not submitted a bill for cutting the town forest field and brush-hogging the upper area.

Harmony will call him.

Liz reported that Charlie Moreno is hiring a gentleman to do finish Timber Stand Improvement. He will be using an ATV to access the properties and to carry his gear. We approved. The work that had been completed by January 1 met our commitment to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We are asking for extra time to have a gate installed on the forest road leading into the properties. In other areas, we are ahead of schedule for completing the project by 2017 thanks to Scott and Charlie. Some more funds may be needed for the road.

### **New Business**

**Dupee Property** The owner of the Dupee property easement on Pig Lane next to the King property and across from the state-owned property has offered the property to the Town as a donation. This is a 28 +/- acre piece that we have treated as part of the greater Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. The Commission will be responsible for legal fees.

MOTION: Harmony moved that we accept the donation of the Dupee property and use the conservation fund to defray the costs. Dave seconded. Approved

**Other** Liz reminded us that the NH Association of Conservation Commissions is offering a training session on the Emerald Ash Borer. And if we go to Amazon Smile, NHACC earns .5%. Bruce promises pictures of the Sloper Road bobcat for our next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Enz Page