

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
July 6, 2015

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Randy Jacunski Bruce Smith Irving Johnson

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Harmony to accept the June 2015 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations - No DES applications.

Continuing Business

IRCR Liz reported on the key situation for the gates on all our properties. She found that most keys were missing and needed to be replaced. The Police Department wants 5, the Fire Department at least 2. Bruce checked with Fish and Game. They also need a key. Charlie Moreno, who also needs a key or two, put a temporary lock on the Town Forest gate which needs to be replaced with one that requires the same key as the others. It was suggested that we check with Don Clifford to see if he had extra locks and keys before ordering more from Heritage Hardware. Liz will check into this. All keys should be clearly marked to prevent further loss.

Evans Mountain Harmony reminded us that we need to have the discussion about our goals for this property, but first we need to find out from Charlie about the Management Plan. Liz will speak with him.

Town Forest Scott said we need to replace the bog bridges in the wet area on the Spencer Smith Trail or reroute the trail around it. We will meet Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 at the Trail to look at the best options.

Other: Austin-Cate Pistol Range Environmental Impact Assessment – Liz presented an up-dated impact statement about 2 inches thick from the National Guard. They are planning to build a structure toward the back of the property for the Range. Bruce and Scott will read through the Assessment and check with their contacts to get their opinions on the project.

Lewis Tisher property (Map 15, Lot 11) – Mr. Tisher whose property is land locked in the vicinity of Cross Road and Ridge Road wants to donate it to the town. This 15- 20 acre piece abuts part of the eastern boundary of Irving's land off Mousam Road. The property may have a shared right of way with a Harold Preston. We have some questions for Mr. Tisher, but we are interested in it. We will plan a site visit for September. Liz will find out if it has been logged and if there are any hazardous wastes (Irving revealed that the old Bow Lake Shoe Company used to dump out there).

Mason, NH Conservation Commission letter re: Natural Gas Pipeline – Liz had a letter from the Mason Conservation Commission asking for our signatures in opposition to the pipeline. We wanted more information on this and will go to the following websites: www.nhacc.org/resources/energy/, NHPipelineAwareness.org, MassPLAN.org, StopNED.org, NoFrackedGasInMass.org.

The Selectmen are looking for our help in a project to update the Water Street Dock Inventory originally completed by JB Cullen & John Bozak as Conservation Commission members in September 1987. –

There are more docks. No one has applied for a permit. Bruce said that both DES and the Army Corp of Engineers have people to look into this. The town owns the land between the dam and Witchers, although the bit of land that juts out into the lake is owned privately. We are not interested in taking on this project and suggested the use of Google Earth and that this may be the job for the Town Assessors.

New Business

NHACC schedule of events: Wetlands Assessment Training July 21&23 or July 28 &30

Liz may attend. Others interested, please call her.

Other – Bruce encourages everyone to report sightings and numbers of turkeys and poults to Fish and Game.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page