

**Strafford Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 6, 2013**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Scott A. Young Jerry Jacunski  
Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Susan Barnes JoAnn Brown

**Opening and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Scott to accept the April 2013 **minutes**. Approved.

**Guest Presentations**

**DES application** Liz had an application to fix a dock on an island off of Caswell Cove. The repaired dock will have a smaller profile than the original. The application was in perfect order. Application was approved for Liz's signature.

Bruce asked that a note be included with a letter seconding the Loon Preservation Committee's recommendations for timing on the Caswell Cove project.

**Old Business**

**IRCR**

**Memorial Tree Planted** The Strafford Garden Club planted a memorial crabapple tree for Lorraine Gaire to the right of the trail in the old apple orchard. It is surrounded by a protective deer fence. Lorraine spent a lot of time working on the grant to save this property.

**Invasive Plant Control, past and future** Gordon Page has been working to keep the Oriental bittersweet and Multiflora rose in check. We need to find out what his costs have been for reimbursement. Harmony will call Bill Lord about rehabilitating the apple trees.

**Other** JoAnn brought to our attention the need for road signs indicating the location of the parking lot especially for people coming from the Barrington direction. One could be used at the junction of Province Road and Range Road and one at Province Road and Ricky Nelson Road. State involvement is needed for those two, possibly a brown "point of interest" sign. The sign should read "Isinglass Trail" with an arrow and give the mileage. JoAnn and Liz will look into this. Two back-to-back signs "Trail Parking" could be used at Range Road and New Road. Harmony will ask AMI about producing this sign.

**Evans Mountain**

**Old Trail Restoration** Liz will call.

**Town Forest**

**Spencer Smith Kiosk materials – what, who, and when for a work party**

1. Topo map sketched and laminated – Liz and Harmony
2. Copies of pages from IRCR, laminated – Carolyn
3. "Pack it In, Pack it out" sign – one from Carolyn, others from AMI if needed.
4. "Adopt a Water Bar" sign – Harmony
5. "Eagle Scout project" - someone

**New Business** There was discussion of the proposed use of Bennett Island as a retreat for veterans. JoAnn said there were many concerns about this, but nothing can be done until it is brought before the town. Scott had material from the Loon Preservation and Audubon Societies with their concerns about the eagle and loon nests on site.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 3, 2013                      7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page