

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 6, 2014**

Present: Liz Evans 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 7:00 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Susan to accept the September 2014 **minutes**. Approved.

Guest Presentations

DES application none

Old Business

Isinglass River Conservation Reserve - The Commission decided to go ahead with the “no horses” signs for the trail heads on the reserve. Mimi will forward examples that she has found. Bruce will check with the Bureau of Trails to see if they have signs. If not, Carolyn will check with AMI who made our “Pack it in, pack it out” signs.

Evans Mountain – To help with our discussion of what we want for the future of the Evans Mt. property, Liz suggested that we get together with Charlie Moreno, our forester, and George Lovejoy, the owner of the northern half of the mountain to see what they envision. Each of us is to write down what we see as the long term goals of the mountain so they are in mind for the next meeting. Liz will set up a meeting date with Charlie and George.

Town Forest – Six of us, (Scott, Dave, Mimi, Susan, Carolyn and Gordon Page) met at the Town Forest field to try to eradicate the Norway Maples growing at the verge of the forest. After a brief time we realized that there had to be a better way. We decided to use chain saws to take down the larger saplings before they could put out seeds and to either bush-whack the smaller plants or let them grow until they could be easily cut. Scott will check on the cost to rent a large size weed-whacker. Scott will email the Commissioners to set a date to do the cutting and piling of the saplings. It was suggested that the mother tree in the adjacent cemetery be girdled to stop the spreading of seeds.

Annual Meeting & Conference, November 1

Mimi was interested in attending. Others should let Liz know before October 22.

Liz said she had a long letter from the new Executive Director of the NH Association of Conservation Commissioners, Nicholas Coates. He would like to meet with all of the individual commissions. Liz will let him know the times of our meetings.

New Business

Liz asked about the locks on the gates closing off the properties to wheeled vehicles. The snowmobile club has been taking care of them. We offered to pay for half of the cost when they need replacing.

Dates: Site Walks_____ Scott will email dates for:

1. cutting Norway Maples,
2. cleaning out the water bars on the Spencer Smith Trail
3. resetting the Neal Mooers Trail off of the new woods road – Scott & Dave will meet earlier to flag the proposed siting.

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

Calendar article ideas Liz asked if anyone would like to write the article for the Strafford Calendar. If so, email the others so we don't end up with eight articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page