

**Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 7, 2014**

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young
Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Susan Barnes

Guests: Mimi Jost Don Clifford

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A decision was made to strike one name from the March 2014 **minutes**. A motion was made by Carolyn and seconded by Kerry to accept. Approved as amended. .

Guest Presentations

DES Applications: none

Other: Don Clifford presented his bill for plowing the parking lots at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve (IRCR) and the Town Forest. It was a very reasonable \$360.00 (\$30.00 per parking lot per storm) for the whole snowy winter. Don said that the edges of the IRCR area are naturally well defined, but in the future we may want to put up stakes at the Town Forest so he knows where it needs to be plowed.

Old Business

April 16th Site Walk Reminder: Harmony reminded us of a site walk on April 16 at 4:00 at the proposed easement property on Evans Mountain Road.

IRCR Maintenance work: Mimi, Harmony, Scott, Carolyn & Gordon and maybe David will meet at 10 a.m. TBA. Bring chainsaw, bow saw, ladder, etc.

Garlic mustard needs to be pulled (sometime in early summer before seeds form)

Evans Mountain

Maintenance work

Autumn olive needs to be cut back along logging road.

Need for some Management plan before trail work: Liz will ask Charlie Moreno for an estimate for a simple plan. He should consider it as a continuation of the Town Forest. Liz says that the Conservation fund can be used to pay for this. We will invite Charlie to our May meeting to discuss this.

Town Forest Maintenance work

Clean water bars on the Spencer Smith Trail: the Wednesday Hiking group volunteers to do this. Scott suggests bringing leaf rakes.

Brush in the cemetery needs to be cut. Harmony will write about this for the Strafford Calendar and hope for a volunteer.

Norway maple seedlings need to be pulled. This will be an August project.

Additions to the Conservation Commission portion of the website

Carolyn will find out from Diane Waldron what we can do to get better pictures, add pages (big trees, descriptions of town properties, frequently asked questions) and get better maps (add a map of town lands numbered and listed). Can we get events on it in a timely manner?

New Business

Liz reminded us of a listening session: NHDES Wetlands Program Rulemaking and Process Improvement Effort. April 10 at 6:30 p.m., 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester.

Other Liz showed us the form that had to be sent in if anyone had questions about tree work around power lines. Carolyn will check trees along the town owned Wathne property on Whig Hill.

Dates

Site walks: April 16, 4:00

IRCR Maintenance: Sunday? 10 a.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 5 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page