

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 7, 2013

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

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Dave to accept the December 2012 **minutes**. Approved. Cheryl came to the meeting representing the Loon Preservation Society.

Guest Presentations: The commissioners had a long discussion with Cheryl about concerns for future loon safety in the shallow area of Bow Lake near the loon nest. The U shaped dock that has been approved is in a position on the property that is the closest possible to the nest. Darlene Forst from DES sent the letter to the owner advising of shorter dock specifications which answered one of our former objections. Cheryl plans to call Darlene with more information on the loon habitat. She will advise us of the results of the call.

Old Business

Lake site walk report: In response to our site visit for the property near the end of Bow View Road and a letter from DES about their concerns, Liz will write a letter agreeing with DES's concerns and saying we have no objections to the improvement of a natural rock/no mortar stone wall to help prevent erosion.

While on the site visit above, we saw and were troubled by some construction about to take place in a wetland at a corner of Bow View Road. Liz will talk to Drew Carter about this.

IRCR

The Discovery Center signs: Harmony will call JB Cullen about the signs that still need to be installed on the Discovery Trails off of Pig Lane. A Moose Plate sign also needs to be posted.

Parking lot plowing: No volunteers have emerged to plow parking lots at the Town Forest and IRCR. Liz is going to speak to Greg Messenger, Road Agent. Harmony asked if we should put in a warrant for funds at town meeting. This can be taken up at our next meeting. In the meantime, Liz will try to find funds for this year. Kerry will ask the fellow who plows for the snowmobile club if he will do it. Liz may have to put it out for bids.

Evans Mountain

Meeting about snowmobile trail: Kerry met with George Lovejoy and they agreed to keep the trail where it is for this year. Kerry believes the spot where George would like the trail to be moved is too steep for the machines. Eric Rowe moved the rocks that were blocking the trail.

Town Forest

New kiosk materials report: Harmony spoke to Matt Dustin who does not want a picture of himself on the kiosk. Mention that it was an Eagle Scout Project is okay. We still need to get the laminated maps.

Maple sugaring question site walk: On hold until we get the parking lot plowed.

New Business

The annual report material needs to be prepared.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page