

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
July 7, 2008

Present: Liz Evans Harmony Anderson Cal Schroeder Carolyn Page Jack Bronnenberg Al Pratt
Bruce Smith Dave Perkins

Guests: Phil Auger

1. Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

The approved minutes will now be posted on the town website.

2. Guest Presentations

Phil Auger, current project updates:

King Property – A Purchase and Sales Agreement has been drawn up for the King property which abuts the Town's new Bedford piece and includes some of the Isinglass River. Most of the purchase price can be covered by the Wetlands Reserve Program. Phil needs \$1,000.00 dollar binder which will go toward the purchase price. Since this is an intent to buy the land, a public hearing will be held. Liz will put the notice in the paper. Monday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m was agreed upon for the hearing.

MOTION: Jack moved that a vote be taken at this time to favorably pursue the PSA for the King property with the positive outcome from the public hearing. Approved with one opposed.

Discussion continued on other properties in the Isinglass area.

Cooper Property – The completed survey shows twenty more acres then previously thought, 158 acres.

Cournoyer Property – The baseline documentation is being done.

Phil said that he needed a name for the Isinglass property. While we all dearly love “Pig Lane”, the group thought the words Isinglass River needed to be part of it.

MOTION: Cal made a motion that the former Turner Porter land called the Boulders be officially named the “Isinglass River Conservation Reserve”. Approved

On a different note, Phil said that the Biothon that was held on IRCR property uncovered American eels - a great surprise to everyone, and a giant Pitch Pine that will need to be measured for the Big Tree Program.

DES permits, correspondence (none)

3. Old Business

Whig Hill road wetland activity concern

Harmony and Irene Abels went to investigate a complaint. Remediation of the area would accomplish nothing in their opinion. A letter to several landowners was suggested saying in effect that next time permits should be attained first and refer them to the DES website for the rule changes to wetlands preservation.

Conservation camp essay winner

Dakota Clifford wrote an essay that was distributed to the commissioners. He will be attending camp this summer with the Conservation Commission scholarship.

Other

There was a discussion of forestry notification from DES and some logging operations in town.

For the operations in the Town Forest, we are waiting for DOT approval of the entrance off of Parker Mountain Road.

Inspection of the Evans Mountain Property was satisfactory.

4. New Business (none)

5. Standing Committee Reports

Meetings for the Land Protection, Managed Growth and Water Quality groups have been postponed until the fall.

6. Summary/Adjournment

Next meeting date: August 4 7:00 pm. Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page