

Strafford Conservation Commission
April 4, 2022
Minutes

PRESENT: Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Sue Barnes, Liz Evans, Michael Ferber and Mimi Jost

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Randy Jacunski. Mimi made a motion to accept the March minutes. Randy seconded. The motion passed.

GUEST PRESENTATION: none

DES: There were two DES notices presented for review. One was the response to DES from Ed Baker for additional information on his driveway proposal, Tax Map #35, Lot #1. The other was a request to DES from Wilcox, Tax Map #35, Lot 4, for permission to remove rocks and boulders from the shoreline to create a retaining wall. The Conservation Commission will send DES a letter expressing concerns about the possible impact on aquatic life that inhabit the crevices created by these rocks and boulders.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Evans Mountain - nothing new
- IRCR - Mimi said she has sent a letter to the new owners of the land on New Road that borders the Reserve requesting permission to continue pulling garlic mustard from the back of their property in order to keep it away from the Reserve. If permission is granted, the pull will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. Randy reported the trails all look good and he locked the snowmobile trail gate on Pig Lane.
- Town Forest - Randy said it was well used over the winter from the numbers of cars in the parking lot
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NEW BUSINESS:

- Lots of off topic discussion of birds sighted (first tree swallow) and animal activity (need to take in the bird feeders because the bears are awake and hungry)
- Bear-Paw will be holding a biothon on their newly acquired 256 acres on Johnsonboro Rd Saturday, June 11.
- April 22 is Earth Day
- April 26, the Strafford Garden Club will hold a trash clean-up along our roadsides

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Jost