

Strafford Conservation Commission
May 2, 2022
Minutes

PRESENT: Kerry Omand, Sue Barnes, Liz Evans, Michael Ferber, Mimi Jost, Scott Young
Steve Oles, Robert Wilcox

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Scott young. Mimi made a motion to accept the April minutes. Michael seconded. The motion passed.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Steve Oles, Norway Plains Associates made a presentation for Robert/Priscilla Wilcox DES application to modify and stabilize shoreline as a result of windstorm damage. Commission voted to approve and sign application.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Evans Mountain – Kerry stated the 2 chain gates have been closed and awaiting a shipment of new lock. He will inquire if the lower gate has been locked.
- IRCR – The annual garlic mustard pull is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 9:00 am. Mimi got permission from the new owners of the field next to the boundary to continue eradication efforts.
- Town Forest – Parking lot has been raked, gate secured, bridge swept and logging road up to upper log yard cleared of debris. Sue stated the Loop trail to the Link trail is in good shape. Spencer Smith trail has been mostly re blazed thanks to Scott Hochgraf.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reviewed DES standard wetland permit application off of Sloper Road Tax Map 16, Lot 4-5. Ortega. Commission wishes to visit the parcel. Many state listed (rare/endangered/Special concern) reptile species reported in this area. The wetlands are in the highest ranked habitat in the state and/or region.
- Reviewed conditional Use Permit application on Webber Road. Elected not to act at this time.

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS:

- Hummingbirds are back!

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 6, 2022

Site Walk: Hoping to schedule Ortega/Sloper Road May 5-6

Respectfully submitted,
Scott A. Young