

# STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 1, 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT: Sue Barnes, Randy Jacunski, Liz Evans, Mimi Jost, Scott Young, Michael Ferber, Kerry Omand, Debbie Liskow

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:10 pm. Mimi made a motion to accept the April minutes and Randy seconded. The motion passed.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Debbie Liskow is considering volunteering for the commission in some capacity

DES: Reviewed some correspondence from DES about several projects

OLD BUSINESS:

IRCR:

- We need to check our inventory of trail blazes and order some more for the trails if necessary
- Possibly need a "no horse riding" sign near the kiosk
- One of the trails along the river needs to be more clearly defined
- The gate is closed
- Mimi set the Great Garlic Mustard Pull for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- Dead Elm along the Cowpath needs to be taken down

STF/Evans/Parker

- Gate status Evans locked
- STF parking area does not need plowing next winter based on use and abuse. Needs clean up effort this month.
- Upper slope Ash needs to be taken down and removed for annual mowing

Other

- Contact Katrina Amaral about status of signage before she relinquishes her position at Bear Paw
- Starting this month Krystal Balanoff will be Bear Paws new executive director.
- Veronica Bodge/Moose MT Greenways requested a formal financial support letter from the Cons Com about our commitment to fund the Shillaber project. Letter drafted and approved by members.
- Potential Evans Mt Whip-poor-will survey before the next full moon which is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

NATURE NOTES:

A few butterfly species around- Mourning Cloak and Eastern Pine Elfin. Early migrant birds arriving including Barn Swallows, a hummingbird, Pine warblers, Buffleheads (very few), Common Mergansers. So far a wet spring.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 5th, 7 pm Town Hall      Site Walk: n/a

Recorded by,  
Scott Young