

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 7, 2019

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young Randy Jacunski Kerry Omand
Katrina Amaral Bruce Smith Susan Barnes

Guests: Mimi Jost

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:07 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Scott to accept the December 2018 **minutes**. Approved.

DES Applications none

Continuing Business

IRCR Trails still need to be cleared

Evans Mountain Some vandalism has occurred to the bridge on the forest road. The turtle grate was removed and tossed aside. Beavers have been active to the south of the road causing flooding. The bridge will be left as is until the extent of flooding can be determined.

Town Forest Dave and Randy cleared the remaining parts of the Mooer's Loop trail of blow downs.

Scott met with Ben Poirier, the Eagle Scout applicant, at the Town Forest sign. Scott reinforced the need for a good oil preservative. Ben will contact Katrina about the slab. The feeling is that a 3 inch verses 4 inch slab would be sufficient.

Other Katrina accepted contributions for her nature education box. Items included a large snapping turtle shell, deer antlers, wood cookies, feathers and pictures. Katrina plans to photograph all of the items and make a content's list. The box will be kept at the library for use by teachers, home schoolers and others.

Plowing – Liz spoke to Don Clifford after our meeting and received the answers to all our concerns. Don plowed both lots three times in November (three storms)—he writes the number of inches of snow for each storm on the invoice. He has plowed once so far in January. Scott suggested that as he approaches the \$800.00 limit that he plow only the IRCR. Don agreed to that.

Budget – Liz submitted our budget proposal to the selectmen. Any unused funds do not go into our roll-over account, but revert to the general fund.

Wildlife sighting – Randy had an ermine on his porch. Bruce found a dead one and is having it cured for the State Wildlife fur exhibit. Mimi had three bluebirds at her feeding station. A bald eagle count takes place this weekend.

New Business Randy will discuss forming a trails committee in the Calendar article. We will put together an email list of interested people.

Other Randy reported on work on the powerlines. New towers are being installed calling for heavy equipment to get into the area. The roads being built are of crushed stone. Wooden platforms are also being built. Scott was concerned about large public vehicles driving into the area. Bruce said that where the work was completed, large rocks were used to block access.

A new appointee needs to be recruited to take the place of Carolyn on the Committee. Names should be submitted to the selectmen in February.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4 7:00 pm. Town Hall **Site visits:** none

Calendar ideas – Common Green Darner research – Mimi, Trails committee

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page