

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 4, 2018

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

Guests: Mimi Jost Aleela Xantara

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:16 pm. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Kerry to accept the February 2019 **minutes**. Approved.

Dave Perkins chaired this meeting in Scott's absence.

Aleela joined us as part of a course she is taking.

Guest Presentations none

DES Applications

Other – Dave read from a letter from the Student Conservation Association offering a team of volunteers to complete needed conservation projects for towns. At present we do not have a project large enough for them, but will keep them in mind for the future.

He then read from an email concerning the renewable energy bill and how producers are compensated. We were encouraged to call our representative about this. It passed last year but was vetoed by Governor Sununu.

Continuing Business

IRCR - As promised, Randy took care of a huge tree that was down on the trail.

Evans Mountain – Members of the snowmobile club repaired the bridge.

Town Forest – Plowing is being done regularly.

Other. Annual report was submitted by Katrina. Katrina has also volunteered to take over the secretary position starting in May. She and Carolyn will meet to transfer the volumes of data required for this position.

New Business Dave read a notice pertaining to a Planning Board public meeting on Thursday evening for Eric Rowe's proposed event venue.

A short discussion of the Coyote Bill that was circulated via email resulted in a motion by Randy, seconded by Dave: HB 442 will close hunting season during pup rearing months from April to August. Landowner's right to remove nuisance coyotes remains unaffected.

MOTION: to take a vote of those in favor of the bill to support the restriction of the open hunting season on eastern coyotes.

All were in favor of this bill. Susan will make contact to add our support.

Other Lots of redpoles reported at feeders.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1 at 7:00 pm. Town Hall **Site visits: none**

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Enz Page