

# STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 7, 2023 MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:06 pm. Michael made a motion to accept the June minutes as amended and Mimi seconded. The motion passed.

DES application: none

GUEST PRESENTATION: none

## OLD BUSINESS:

### IRCR:

- Liz and Scott report a walk about with Crystal from Eversource about potential charity work. Crystal was willing to have a crew cut the over hanging limbs on a huge declining White Ash along the Cowpath.

### STF/Evans/Parker

- Randy is continuing to remove dead White Ash on the drumlin slope.
- We discussed acquiring some anti- dog poop signs : 2 for trail heads at the Strafford Town Forest and one for the IRCR
- Select White Ash on the drumlin slope have been injected to prevent Emerald Ash Borer damage. This service is provided by the state every 3-4 years to maintain diverse genetic stock.
- Beavers flood the logging road

### Other

- Further discussed other documents that might be posted on our online space. Liz presented a rough draft of 3 document: Strafford Town Forest Conservation Lands, About our Town Conservation Lands and Town Forest-a brief history. Hopefully the documents are finalized for next meeting.
- Discussed ongoing rapid world wide environmental changes- smoke from the Canadian wildfires, rapidly melting glaciers in Alaska, dumping trash in rural areas and the rampant development along Province Road West.
- Cell phone tower application on far side of town has been pulled.
- Bear Paw Regional Greenways actively fund raising for Coveland Farms- a project to which we have pledged support.

NATURE NOTES: Lots of invasive worms, exuberant plant growth with the copious rains.

Adjourned: 8:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 11th, 7 pm Town Hall      Site Walk: none

Recorded by,  
Scott Young