

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 2, 2023 MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:04 pm. Mimi made a motion to accept the September minutes and Kerry seconded. The motion passed.

DES application: none

GUEST PRESENTATION:

- Nate Fogg presented a driveway dredge and fill presentation for owner Amanda Poole last November 2022 (map 16 lot 1). We had a site review on Friday November 11th at 9:30 am. The commission had no issue with the application. The commission signed off on the documents as requested by Nate, the applicant's representative.

OLD BUSINESS:

IRCR:

- Discussed year end maintenance needs including keeping the apples trees free of bittersweet and a final string trim of the Cow Path. Pig Lane is deemed passable at this point.
- Don Clifford will plow only IRCR parking area this winter

STF/Evans/Parker

- Beavers flood the logging road. Does the trail need rerouting?
- Reviewed suggestions for trail system including regarding blazing and additional signage
- Upper M Loop trail needs some maintenance including downed trees and growth. Tentatively Scott/Randy in October
- Discussed the challenges of creating a formal trailhead at Province Road/Evans Mt Road intersection
- Reminder that Spencer Smith water bars will need raking this fall
- Annual invasives pull on Drumlin

Other

- Sue Barnes shared her experience attending the recent The Old Growth Conference.
- Need to review documents before posting online: Strafford Town Forest Conservation Lands, About our Town Conservation Lands and Town Forest-a brief history.

NATURE NOTES: Acorns a plenty, lack of feeder birds. Many Chipmunks.

Adjourned: 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 6th, 7 pm Town Hall Site Walk: none

Recorded by,
Scott Young