STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION July 1, 2024 MINUTES

PRESENT: Randy Jacunski, Scott Young, Debbie Liskow, Michael Ferber, Liz Evans Guest: Steve Leker

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:08 pm. Randy made a motion to accept the June 3rd minutes as amended and Debbie seconded. The motion to accept passed.

DES application: none

GUEST PRESENTATION: none OLD BUSINESS: none

IRCR:

Mill site access and North Mill trail have not yet been monitored Steppingstones installed on Cow Path. Second string trimming of Cow Path this season. Bear Paw has scheduled an Aquatic Ecology Walk along the river on 7/27/2024 9 am to noon. Three canopy Ash are not showing signs of infestation; they bear watching. Storybook signage refreshed in last month.

STF/Evans/Parker Mts.:

Lower Loop trail detailed to intersection of Link Trail. Orange blazes on order. Upper Spencer Smith trail monitored by Steve Leker this season. Debris had already been cleared. Steve reports the need for more blue blazes for Link trail, which have been ordered. Debbie will research additional signage for WPW trail. Scott will be meeting with Randy to review ash tree take downs at STF entrance.

Other: First ever reported sighting of Sandhill Crane in Strafford on June 15th.

NATURE NOTES: Missing invasive worms? The native Arrowwood Viburnum is rebounding from years of European viburnum leaf beetle defoliation.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 5th, 7 pm Town Hall Site Walk: none

Recorded by, Scott Young