

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
May 4th, 2026 MINUTES

PRESENT: Scott Young, Debbie Liskow, Kerry Omand, Sue Barnes, Michael Ferber, Mimi Jost

Guest: Krystall Balanoff, Phil Auger

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:05 pm.

Sue made a motion to accept April 6th, 2026 minutes and Kerry seconded. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

DES: none

GUEST PRESENTATION: Anderson Lot presentation by Krystall Balanoff. Seeking Bear Paw acquisition of 52 acres for not to exceed \$97k. This parcel is being offered for protection during a short time frame. Several board members attended a walk hosted by Phil Auger on April 24<sup>th</sup>. After discussion Michael made a motion to fund, Kerry seconded and the commission voted unanimously to fund the project

IRCR: Trails mainly clear debris.

STF/Evans/Parker Mts.: no report

Other: Motion was made to release \$ 77,417.25 of funds from the Strafford Conservation Commission's Land Rights and Easement Fund to Blue Hills Foundation to cover easement costs for their acquisition and conservation of a portion of the Collins/Farinella property. 177 acres (Lot 5-25) was conserved with the value of the easement donated to Bear Paw Regional Greenways.

Debbie made a motion to fund the costs, Mimi seconded and the commission voted unanimously to reimburse the easement expenses in full.

Scott attended a prescribed burn seminar- Fire on the Local Landscape and discussed some options for maintaining our forests.

NATURE NOTES: Spring run-off has been minimal. Severe drought continues.

Adjourned: 8:23 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 1st, 7:00 pm Town Hall Site Walk: none

Recorded by,  
Scott A. Young