

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 22 September 2015

Present at the Justin Morrill Education Building at 7:00 p.m., were commission members Kate Root, Mike Hebb, Chuck Sherman, Amy Metz, Jared Jenisch, Tii McLane and Steve Willbanks (Chair).

Meeting Minutes:

- Approved of 7/28/'15 Minutes
- Trails, Whitcomb Hill: Mike –
 - a. Working on Cross-Strafford footbridge.
 - b. Re-routed trail between Alger Brook and Pennock Rd. to make it more accessible.
 - c. Possible clearing on the Townhouse trail to see view of village. Landowners approve of the clearing. Possible start in mid-Oct.
- Wetlands Update: Jared/Kate
 - a. One wetland site visit scheduled for this Sunday.
 - b. Mandate to have at least 3 wetlands committee members to conduct a visit. Committee members are divided into two groups but if we have trouble getting 3 members to attend, the groups can work together to get a group of 3.
- Workshop on Moss: Mike
 - a. Next meeting Sept 30.
- Updates:
 - a. Maple Hill Road Culvert – Culvert project is underway and may be complete as soon as Sept 26. Road closure till Sept 30 in case of project overrun.
 - b. Podunk: Timber cut, pond – Postponed due to schedule conflicts.
 - c. Paganelli Tree Farm tour – About 100 people showed up for the tour.
 - d. Invasives – Knapweed was cut along Rt 132 but is growing back.
 - e. Taylor Valley invasive project – Tii will catch up with J.T. Horn about multi-year plan in order to investigate funding.
 - f. Hazard Mitigation Committee
 - g. Guest speakers for continuing education –
 - i. Sue Morse and Mary Holland are ideas.
 - ii. Another idea is to encourage folks to go to Suds and Science sponsored by VT EcoStudies.
 - iii. Recommended topic for discussion, bee and bat populations.
- Next Meeting: October 27, '15

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Metz, Recording Secretary