

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 03 December 2014

Present at the Morrill Education Building at 6:00 p.m., were commission members Tii McLane, Jared Jenisch, Mike Hebb, Matt Perry, Steve Willbanks (Chair), J.T. Horn, and Amy Metz. Present at the Morrill Education Building at 7:00 p.m. guest speaker John Buck (ANR Wildlife Biologist) and other Strafford Residents.

1. 23 September 2014 meeting minutes approved
2. Project Status:
 - a. Maple Hill Culvert – Borings completed Oct 30. Cost for borings from Milone and MacBroom was \$250.
 - b. Wetlands – Field training continued late in the season. Field work will begin in the spring.
 - c. Town Trails –No news.
 - d. Invasive plants – A core group was identified to resume planning for next season, which will include public education and field work.
 - e. Draft bylaws – Discussion to be continued.
3. New Business:
 - a. 2015 Budget request – Reviewed current SCC Accounts. Steve Willbanks will contact the Town Office to clarify what is included in the “Conservation Commission Reserve” fund.
 - b. Open positions on the SCC – There will be two open positions that will need to be filled in 2015.
4. Guest Speaker: John Buck, ANR Wildlife Biologist – This presentation was open to the town. John gave a presentation on the Strafford Wildlife Management Areas (including Podunk, Kibling Hill and Clover Hill). He described the different State interest limitations in each area: (Kibling Hill, hunting rights only), Clover Hill (timber rights being privately owned) and Podunk, which the State owns outright. He also summarized the State’s priorities and the State’s concern that the dam on Podunk Pond is failing.

Next meeting: December 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Metz, acting recording secretary