

Strafford Conservation Committee
April 27th, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Steve Wilbanks, Mike Hebb, Micki Colbeck, Dave Paganelli, Steve Faccio, JT Horn, Kate Root. Also present: Susan Tiholiz

- 1) Minutes to be approved next month.
- 2) Election of Officers: Put off decisions until next month as no one stepped forward to take on Chair position to replace Steve W.
- 3) Trails discussion: Mike reports that the White Rock Trail is closed and the blazes have been removed. Alger Brook/Whitcomb Hill Trail parking area permission sought from town. Taylor Valley Connector trail is open. Discussion of whether to allow VAST snowmobiles on Whitcomb Hill trail, now that Dorian Yates is not allowing them on her land. East Loop Trail boardwalk-Steve Faccio volunteered to help build the boardwalk. \$1500 needed for materials. Interpretive trail being considered in the Elizabeth Mine zone.
- 4) Ashley Forest report: May 8th Sharon will vote. Micki reported a little pushback from some community members there. JT reported on his meeting with Strafford selectboard. So far so good. Only minor issues, like how to hold funds in common with Town of Sharon.
- 5) Deeryard/Moose management discussion with Dave P.
- 6) Open Space Plan/Management Plans/Scs Docs: Steve W. initiative. He has placed them in a google doc shared folder set up by the town for our use as a repository for draft documents and other conservation commission resource material.
- 7) Stream Bank Restoration Project: Micki is working with Erik Reimanis. Students were taken onto to Jacobs' property in So. Strafford. There has also been extensive restoration work on the river on Susan Cloke's property in the Upper Village.
- 8) New Business: Greg McHugo appointed by selectboard to fill open SCC position. Need to clarify status of Mary Louise Pierson who was also an applicant. State statute doesn't specifically allow alternate members.
- 9) Next Meeting is May 25th, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Bass Root, recording secretary

