

Strafford Conservation Commission

Minutes

November 26, 2024

Strafford Town Office 7:00-8:00 PM

In attendance: Mike Hebb, Micki Colbeck, Anne Fayen, Kate Bass

- Lacking a quorum, we did not approve minutes from October 22, 2024, meeting.
- The Kiosk discussion continued: Will vote on where to place the kiosk next meeting. It seems the town recycling center would be a good choice. We can still investigate the area near the red barn.
- Discussed email from Jacob Devries about not advertising our trail system and about notifying landowners anytime a guided hike goes through their property. We will work on a response.
- Trails update and discussion of a possible Strafford Trails Guide like Thetford and Tunbridge have.
- Proposal to request Cobb Town Forest's rich fen be reclassified as a class A wetland. Steve Faccio has offered to begin the appeals process.
- Beaver activity on the Ompomponoosuc. Todd Menes, a river scientist from VT. Department of Environmental Conservation met with landowners and assured them that beavers have been on this part of the river for thousands of years and that the dam will wash out with spring's big storms. They might be more concerned about an undersized culvert upstream.
- Kyle Katz from TRORC wants to know if we have a conservation plan and have done a natural resources inventory. We will get back to him.

- The Rec Board is discussing putting stairs to the river at the Pocket park. We discussed the pros and cons.
- Next meeting in January instead of December 24th.
- Meeting adjourned.