

MINUTES

ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015 AT THE STRATFORD TOWN HALL ROOM # 213 AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob David; Chairman, Pete Mariconda; Vice Chairman, Chuck Emerson, Bob Ford, Chuck Lindberg, Jim Brown, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Frank Bevacqua

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob David, Chuck Emerson, Jim Brown, Tina Batoh, Conservation Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: 7: 09 P.M by Bob David, Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Brown and seconded by Chuck Emerson to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nature Center ~ Tina Batoh stated that Nature Center is completed and ready for usage. The Furniture was delivered. But unfortunately it has been vandalized already. It is in the process of being clean up.

The Commission will reach out to the Indian Guide to clean up the inside of the nature center. Tina will bring cleaning supplies there. And will also look into getting a lock for the closet.

We will also like an exhaust fan installed in the Nature Center.

Security Camera's ~ Bob David stated that it is important that we need the surveillance cameras installed a.s.a.p.

The Commission also informed Tina that following items need to be done per Bob Ford.

There are several places where down trees are blocking the trail – we need a chainsaw crew to cut the branches and move them out of the way.

100 meters in from the access point at the end of Beaver Dam Road (the cul-de-sac) an old maple tree with many branches is blocking the trail.

10 meters up the Red trail from the road into the shooting range is a pine tree that came down during storm sandy – it still has not been removed.

Further up the red trail from the road to the shooting range are a couple of logs across the trail.

Shooting Range ~ Stratford Police Department notified the Roosevelt Forest Commission that they will announce when the range is being used. This will be posted on the town's web-site.

Stratford Police Department has notified other departments to observe the speed limit when driving down Peters Lane.

Jim Brown will meet with Tina regarding the trails being maintained.

The Roosevelt Forest Commission is asking that the Stratford Police Department watch out for kids loitering at the end of Pumpkin Ground Road.

The Commission is requesting that the sign on Peters Lane that states "Closing at 4:30 pm) be changed to state the hours as "Dawn to Dusk".

We would like to know of any contiguous property owned by the Town of Stratford so we can incorporate them as part of the Forest.

We also would like to look into open space grants as well.

Chuck Emerson stated that the kiosk is just about complete.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:48 pm. By Jim Brown and seconded by Chuck Emerson.

The next Roosevelt Forest meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2015.