

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 13th 2018 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Road, Sanbornton, N.H.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Crosby at 7:00 PM

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, John Earley, Dick Ayers, Doug Sarette, Karen Bordeau, Sarah Fox

Minutes

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 10/11. John Earley seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Dick Ayers and Sarah Fox abstaining.

New Business

a. Recreation Department Easter Egg Hunt – Rec Department Director Julie Lonergan explained that she would like to expand the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt and use the Conservation Commission's Easement on the Swain property which abuts the field behind the library. She is looking for ideas to make this event more interactive and get parents involved so they can use the new trail connecting the school parking lot to the library, and she would also like to highlight what the Conservation Commission hopes to do with more trails. Chair Crosby noted that Julie should speak with Dan Swain regarding this as he will be concerned about plastic eggs being left in the field, and she responded that she will.

Old Business

b. School-library Trail – Chair Crosby stated that Dick Ayers has plowed the new trail and students have been using it to walk to the library. He will send a thank you card to Gary Balcom for donating and delivering woodchips for the trail. He also noted that the Commission should brainstorm some names for the trail, possibly in memory of David Swain as the property abuts the Swain's. John Earley mentioned that he has a small kiosk sign that could be used for the trail, or the State prison could also create a sign as they have for other Conservation Commission land.

a. Discussion of Conservation Commission FY20 budget – Chair Crosby stated that \$23,000 has been added to the Land Use Change fund, and this should increase in the next few years as more land comes out of Current Use according to the Assessing Assistant. The total for this fund is now \$71,000. Chair Crosby explained that the \$500 requested for Community Outreach & Education was not approved by the BOS, and instead they approved \$50 for "Miscellaneous". He stated that this should be used to cover prizes for the photo contest which members have been paying for out of pocket. He stated that he feels that the Commission should track expenses related to Community Outreach in 2019 and provide this documentation for the BOS next year when requesting additional funds and members were in agreement.

Other Business

a. Waterways Study – Chair Crosby explained that Planning Assistant Steve Laurin asked if the Conservation Commission has an inventory of natural resources that can be used for the State's waterways study. Karen Bordeau stated that she thinks the Conservation Commission's maps are the only listing of these; Chair Crosby will relay this to Steve Laurin.

b. Belknap County Conservation District event – Chair Crosby will be attending this presentation on improving trout habitat on February 6th from 6:30 – 8:30, all members are welcome to attend.

c. John Earley – John Earley stated that this will be his last meeting but he will still be available to assist with the Eastman Hill Trails and be the liaison between the Commission and donor Walter Willette. Chair Crosby noted that the Commission will need to appoint a new Vice Chair and will check on the deadline for doing this.

d. Town Report – Dick Ayers will assist Chair Crosby with writing the Conservation Commission's entry for the 2018 Town Report, to include items such as purchasing the Reed property and creation of the library-school walking trail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault