**MINUTES**

**Sanbornton Conservation Commission**

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, May 10th, 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, Dick Ayers, Mary Ahlgren, Doug Sarette, Karen Bordeau, Mark Ledgard

**Minutes**

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 4/12. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**a. Reed property -** Chair Crosby let the Commission know that the Reed property has officially been purchased and all required paperwork has been completed. He has not received the invoice for lawyer fees yet. The total price paid for the land was $18,499.18, and $.82 was paid in taxes by Reeds.

**b. Conservation Commission fund –** Chair Crosby will work with the Town Treasurer to see what the balance is in this fund after the Willette donation is accounted for.

**New Business**

**a.** Re-Appointment of members – Chair Crosby made a motion to recommend Mark Ledgard as a full member to the Board of Selectmen (Brian Mokler has resigned). Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Crosby also stated that his own term is expiring as well as Mary Ahlgren’s, and that they will both need to be sworn in again. Secretary Audry Barriault will relay all of this to TA Katie Ambrose, along with a request to advertise the two openings for alternate members on the town website and town offices.

**b. Nature trail** – Chair Crosby explained that the Old Home Day Committee would like to explore having a walking trail from the Sanbornton Central School parking lot to the library. He stated that this could be nice tie-in to the nature trail that the Conservation Commission is hoping to build on the new Reed property and part of the Swain easement for students to use. Chair Crosby will be on the agenda at next week’s BOS meeting to discuss this. Mark Ledgard stated that there may be wetlands on the property and that he will research the requirements for building a trail on wetlands. Dick Ayers asked if a certain width may be needed for a trail, and Mary Ahlgren asked if it needs to be handicap-accessible if meant for use of students. Dick Ayers suggested having a booth at Old Home Day to let the public know about their plans for a trail and to get community members involved. Mark Ledgard asked if there are liability issues for a nature trail and Karen Bordeau responded that there are RSAs to protect the Conservation Commission. Chair Crosby will check with NRCS as that agency was involved with purchasing the Swain easement. Dick Ayers made a motion to form a Trail Committee and Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mark Ledgard, Dick Ayers and Doug Sarette will be members.

**c. Monitoring of Conservation land –** Mary Ahlgren and Chair Crosby will monitor the Meader property as required, and Dick Ayers will monitor the Swain property and report back to the Commission.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.**

Respectfully Submitted, Audry Barriault