

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, October 11th 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, Mary Ahlgren, Doug Sarette, Karen Bordeau

Minutes

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 9/13. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Karen Bordeau abstaining.

New Business

a. Wetlands permit application discussion with Peter Holden -Peter Holden explained that he is the engineer working on the Lower Bay Rd project and that a retaining wall is needed; currently there is an underdrain comprised of rock and dirt that he does not think will hold. A signed wetlands permit application from the Conservation Commission Chair would allow for an expedited permit from DES to get the wall built. Chair Crosby explained that he does not sign these because he is not an expert and the Commission has not received formal training related to wetlands. He suggested that Peter speak with the state and explain the situation to see if they can speed up the process at all but he is not signing the application.

b. School-Library trail update - Chair Brad Crosby explained that he has met with Dan Swain, abutter to the proposed walking trail, regarding moving the trail over a bit so as not to be too close to crops. He explained that the trail will be ready for crushed stone on Sunday and volunteers will be on hand to help with this.

Old Business

a. Eastman Hill Trails update – Due to an injury, Town Forester Jon Martin has not worked on the Eastman Hill trail scope of work. Mary Ahlgren noted that more maps are needed at the Virginia Hutton trail and John Earley will provide these.

b. Solar ordinance – Karen Bordeau provided notes about her concerns related to solar energy systems to Town Planning Assistant Stephen Laurin. Secretary Audry Barriault stated that these were shared with the Planning Board at the last meeting and Karen's concerns are addressed in the new version of the ordinance that should be finalized next week for the public to see.

Other Business

a. Discussion of Conservation Commission FY20 budget – Chair Crosby stated that he would like to see funding for community outreach such as the Squam Lakes Science Center Pass provided to the library once a year and signage for conservation land. Mary Ahlgren stated that she would also like the Commission to be able to educate landowners on the benefits of doing conservation easements. Chair Crosby made a motion to increase the Conservation Commission budget by \$500, by creating a new line item for Community Outreach & Education, for a total Conservation Commission budget of \$2,324. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault