**MINUTES**

**Sanbornton Conservation Commission**

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, February 14th, 2019 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, Karen Bordeau, Mary Ahlgren, Sarah Fox

**Minutes**

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 1/10. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**a. Membership –** Mary Ahlgren made a motion to accept John Earley’s resignation from the Conservation Commission. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mary Ahlgren made a motion to recommend appointing current alternate member Sarah Fox as a full member. Chair Brad Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**a. School-library Trail –** Dick Ayers has communicated to the Swain family that the Commission would like to name this trail the David Swain Memorial Trail. Chair Crosby stated Lynn Chong has donated granite pillars for the end of the trail that could possibly be engraved.

**b. Eastman Hill Trail Update** – Chair Crosby has spoken with Johnny Van Tassel about plowing an area so that people can still park roadside to use the trails. He also stated that the trails should be cleaned up before promoting them in the newsletter.

**b. Newsletter –** Chair Crosby explained that John Earley will be back in town after March 18th and would like to help work on the newsletter that Mark Ledgard is creating. Dick Ayers suggested providing the first edition of the newsletter at Town Meeting on March 13th. He suggested explaining the purpose of the Conservation Commission, and he and Sarah Fox will work on developing a mission statement.

**c. Land Acquisitions –** Chair Crosby stated that the owner of a 25-acre parcel behind his house is interested in doing a conservation easement. He noted that this is currently not attached to any other piece of conservation land but is not far from the Reed property on Hunkins Pond Rd which was purchased by the Conservation Commission last year. He will ask another landowner about the possibility of doing an easement on a neighboring parcel so that it will connect more conservation land.

**Other Business**

**a. Sanbornton Central School programs –** Chair Crosby attended the Belknap County Conservation District presentation on improving trout habitat on February 6th. He noted that Fish & Game will be working on improving Black Brook eventually, possibly adding a wall and wood to create pools for trout. He also mentioned that he would like to pursue the Trout in the Classroom program at Sanbornton Central School, and Dick Ayers stated that he has spoken with the science teacher there and she would like to be involved; Southwick School is already doing the program. Chair Crosby mentioned that he would also like the Commission to be involved in involving Sanbornton Central in more conservation endeavors in the land around the school. Sarah Fox stated that the principal at Southwick School is exploring getting bees, and she will report back to the Commission on that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault