

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, March 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, Doug Sarette, Mark Ledgard

Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 2/14 with corrections. Chair Brad Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Newsletter – Mark and Dick handed out the Winter/Spring newsletter at Town Meeting; Chair Crosby noted that there is one correction that should be mentioned in the next newsletter – the land for Eastman Hill trails was not donated by Walter Willette though funds were donated to create and maintain those trails. Mark will make sure this is noted in the next newsletter. Chair Crosby made a motion to provide reimbursement for printing of the newsletter from Conservation Fund in the amount of \$153.20. Sarah Fox seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Forester Contract – No forester contract has been received from Jon Martin yet, and Chair Crosby will follow up on this.

c. Land Acquisitions – As discussed last month, the owner of a 25-acre parcel behind Chair Crosby's house is interested in doing a conservation easement, and Chair Crosby will ask an abutting landowner about the possibility of doing an easement as well (in order to connect more conservation land).

New Business

a. Dr. True Road Tree Removal – Chair Crosby explained that several pine trees were supposed to be removed during logging of town property on Dr. True years ago as they were very close to an abutting property owner's home. The property owner has let him know that these were not removed and have started breaking off. Chair Crosby stated that there is no forester contract in place and the Conservation Commission should look at getting some quotes for removal from area contractors. He would also like to see what would be needed to convert that 54-acre parcel into Town Forest so that the Forest Maintenance Fund can pay for any logging or upkeep. Sarah Fox volunteered to look into this and Chair Crosby will contact some tree removal companies.

b. Member term expiring – Doug Sarette's term as member expires end of March; Mark Ledgard made a motion to reappoint Doug for another term and Chair Crosby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

c. Electing officials for FY20 – Dick Ayers made a motion to reelect Brad Crosby as Conservation Commission Chair. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Dick Ayers made a motion to elect Mark Ledgard as Vice Chair. Doug Sarette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Mission Statement - Mary Ahlgren made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission mission statement provided by Sarah and Dick with one wording change as discussed. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault