

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, April 11th 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, Doug Sarette, Mark Ledgard

Minutes

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/14. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Trail Update – Chair Crosby explained the John Earley has maps and other documentation regarding the Eastman Hill trails that should be picked up. Mary will get these from John. Karen noted that some maps should be brought to the library to be available for the upcoming Local Trails talk on April 25th.

b. Town Forester Contract – Chair Crosby stated that the signed Town Forester contract should be signed and returned to the Conservation Commission in the next several weeks.

c. Land Acquisitions – No update. Per last month's meeting, 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).

d. Dr. True Rd Tree Removal - Chair Crosby explained that these trees on Town property discussed last month have already been removed and the neighboring landowner is very pleased. This was paid for from the Town Tree Warden's budget.

New Business

a. Monthly expenses – The paperwork for the Squam Lakes Science Center pass that the Conservation Commission traditionally has purchased for the library each year has been completed. Mary Ahlgren made a motion to expend \$300 from the Conservation Fund to pay for this. Mark Ledgard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Pemi River Corridor Management - Chair Crosby explained that the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan is looking for members of the river's abutting towns to form a management plan team. He noted that he thinks the Sanbornton area of the Pemi is already well-protected because it's owned by the Army Corp and not developable, and doesn't feel it's necessary to participate. The rest of the members agreed.

c. SCA Americorp – Chair Crosby received information about Student Conservation Association and Americorp volunteers who can do trail maintenance, habitat management and data collection, and invasive species removal. Doug Sarette volunteered to get more information on this program to see if it would be of use in Sanbornton.

d. Draft Conservation Plan – Karen Bordeau provided a draft Conservation Plan to provide to the Planning Board for Sanbornton's Master Plan. Dick Ayers made a motion to accept the draft with a few small corrects as discussed and to submit to the Planning Board. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Secretary Audry Barriault will provide to the Planning Board for their May workshop meeting.

e. Member update - Mark Ledgard stated that he will be stepping down from the Conservation Commission. Dick Ayers made a motion to accept his resignation. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Dick Ayers made a motion to elect Doug Sarette as Vice Chair (replacing Mark). Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Crosby noted that there are several openings for Alternates on the Commission now so members should be aware of this in case they know of any residents that are interested.

Other Business

a. Join Land Use Boards Meeting- This meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00pm at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault