

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/11 (no quorum in May). Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

**a. Town Forester Contract** – Chair Crosby stated that the signed Town Forester contract has been received from Jon Martin and there were only a couple changes made to the dates on the contract and the type of paint used. This was signed by the Chair and Audry will send it to the Town Administrator.

**b. Land Acquisitions** – No update.

**c. School-Library Trail Update** – Chair Crosby suggested creating a list of residents who contributed to the creation of the School-Library trail to use in a sign at the trail entrance, and others agreed. Mary Ahlgren suggested a memorial bench as well along the trail. Members agreed for a dedication ceremony of the trail in September when school is back in session.

#### New Business

**a. New member interest** – Ray Masse explained that he is interested in being a member on the Conservation Commission. He stated that he has gone to many BOS meetings and other Town committee meetings since moving to Sanbornton a year ago and is an avid hiker; he is also on the Health Insurance Study Committee. Chair Crosby made a motion to recommend to the BOS that Ray Masse is appointed as member of the Conservation Commission. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Newsletter update** – Dick Ayers will work on developing the next newsletter for early fall which will include information on options for landowners to conserve their land.

**c. Conservation Commission materials** - Mary Ahlgren provided the Conservation Commission materials from former member John Earley. She suggested storing these materials in the file cabinets in the town offices and making them available at Old Home Day, other members agreed. Chair Crosby noted that cleaning out the file cabinets should be on the agenda as a winter project for the Conservation Commission, as there are a lot of outdated materials in there. There are also some materials that should be kept in the vault in the town offices regarding donations and finances; Audry will check with the Town Clerk on this. Small sign kiosks were also provided by John Earley to be used somewhere on Conservation property in Town; Karen Bordeau will work on cleaning those up so they can be used.

**d. Old Home Day** – The materials such as maps, information on conserving land, etc. will be available at the Conservation Commission table at Old Home Day on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ray will lend his EZ up tent and members can each take turns manning the booth. Audry will send out an email so members can sign up for a time slot, sometime between 10:00 and 3:00.

### **Other Business**

**a. Black Brook Management/Trout Unlimited** – Chair Crosby explained that there is one landowner abutting Black Brook that is not letting others on his property, which may affect the trout conservation plan. He will keep the Commission updated.

**b. Moose Run property** – Chair Crosby explained that there is a property owner at Tax Map 3/Lot 24 interested in purchasing the town-owned lot at Tax Map 3/Lot 25. The members viewed this parcel on a map and noted that the landowner has a town-owned parcel on each side, and Chair Crosby noted that he doesn't see an access problem or a reason not to put both up for auction. He will check with the Town Planning Assistant Steve Laurin regarding an abutting parcel which is located in Meredith and may be Conservation land. He also stated that he has not gotten a list of town-owned properties in a while, and will check on this with the Assessing Assistant.

**c. Join Land Use Boards Meeting** – Karen Bordeau attended the Joint Land Use Boards Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> and was asked about the Conservation Commission's input regarding solar farms. Chair Crosby noted that this was already discussed and the Commission provided its opinion at a previous meeting which are reflected in the minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Conservation Commission reaffirmed their stance on solar farms from that meeting.

**d. Mission Statement** – Mary Ahlgren suggested adjusting the mission statement of the Conservation Commission to include language about local changes having a global affect and vice versa. The Commission will look at doing this at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault