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Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, July 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, Ray Masse, Sarah Fox, Doug Sarette

<u>Minutes</u> Chair Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/13. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Sarah Fox abstaining.

Old Business

a. Town Forester Contract – Chair Crosby stated that the Town Forester contract was submitted to the Board of Selectmen and Selectman North had some issues with the contract. Chair Crosby will discuss these with her. Karen Bordeau requested any Conservation Commission files Selectman North may have before she resigns from the BOS.

b. Land Acquisitions – Chair Crosby has spoken with a landowner about conserving a piece of property that could possibly connect to another piece of conservation property near Parsonage Brook. He will be in communication with the landowner in the next several months. Ray Masse noted that he attended the most recent BOS meeting and learned that there would be several current use land changes which would result in money for the Conservation Commission's Land Use Change Fund.

New Business

a. Wetlands buffer discussion requested by Alden Beauchemin of Keyland Enterprises for project at Tax Parcel# 3-149, Hueber Drive – Mr. Beauchemin explained that he is on the ZBA agenda for this month's meeting regarding this project, which will involve installing a new septic system and building closer to the wetlands setbacks as required by the Ordinance, and would like the Conservation Commission's input first. He noted that the State's regulations would be adhered to but Sanbornton's are more restrictive. Prospective buyer of the property Paul Diiulio was also in attendance. Chair Crosby stated that he sees no issues with the proposal but noted that it is a ZBA issue; other members agreed.

b. Newsletter update - The Commission discussed ideas for the fall newsletter which Dick will work on, including trail maintenance initiatives and importance of young forest habitat.

c. Trail update – Ray Masse walked the Eastman Hill trails and noted any maintenance issues or clean-up needed. He did restock some maps but noticed they should be updated and will work on that, as well as any light trail maintenance on an ongoing basis. He noted that the entrance to the trails could use some work and there is a meadow that could use mowing. Chair Crosby stated that he can get some quotes on mowing and bringing in gravel for the entrance; Dick Ayers made a motion for Chair Crosby to get quotes on this work. Sarah Fox seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

a. Skyline Drive logging - Chair Crosby received a call from a property owner on Skyline Drive regarding cutting of an abutting property which is thought to be common land or conservation set-aside as a result of a subdivision. No notice of cutting was provided to abutters. He stated that will check with Assessing Assistant Terri Jansky about the regulations for set-asides. Karen Bordeau noted that freshly cut forest is often shocking at first but will provide a necessary diversified habitat for wildlife.

b. Moose Run property – Chair Crosby looked at the Moose Run property discussed at last month's meeting located at Tax Map 3/Lot 25 that a neighboring owner is interested in purchasing from the Town, and he doesn't see a reason not to sell it. He still needs to check with the Town Planning Assistant Steve Laurin regarding an abutting parcel which is located in Meredith and may be Conservation land.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Audry Barriault