

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, September 12th, 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, Karen Bordeau, Mary Ahlgren, Ray Masse, Doug Sarette

Minutes

Mary Ahlgren made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-8 with corrections. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Town Forester Contract – Chair Crosby spoke with Town Administrator Trish Stafford regarding the town forester contract which previous selectman Katy North had questions with. He thought those issues were ironed out but the contract has still not been signed by the Board of Selectmen. TA Stafford will look into this.

b. Land Acquisitions – Chair Crosby has not received a response from a landowner regarding doing an easement on his property but there is interest from a neighboring landowner in selling her property to the Conservation Commission. Chair Crosby asked if the Commission would like to pursue the landowner for the easement as it is a valuable piece of property connecting other Conservation parcels, and the Commission replied Yes.

c. Trail update – Chair Crosby will get quotes from area businesses on trailhead work and brush hogging for the Eastman Hill trails as discussed at last meeting; this work should be paid for from the Trail Maintenance Fund.

d. Newsletter update – Dick Ayers provided a draft of the fall newsletter which the Commission provided input and edits for; Chair Crosby will relay these edits to Dick as he was not in attendance. Mary Ahlgren found that there are approximately 500 acres of Conservation Commission-managed properties that are owned by the Town; this info can be used in the newsletter. Information about the Reed property and plans to connect to other Conservation land can also be included. Ray Masse offered to print the newsletter once it is ready.

e. Conservation Commission banner – Audry Barriault received a draft and quote for the Conservation Commission banner to be used at Old Home Day and other events. The Commission made edits to the draft which Audry will relay to the sign company. Mary Ahlgren made a motion to pay for the sign in the amount of \$185 from the Conservation Fund. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

a. Trout in the Classroom – Chair Crosby explained that Sanbornton Central School is interested in doing the Trout in the Classroom program this year; he will be asking Fish & Game and Trout Unlimited about getting a chiller needed for the program starting in January.

b. BOS Liaison – Ray Masse noted that new selectman Jim Dick will be liaison to the Conservation Commission; he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

c. Trail map updates – Ray will be updating the information on the trail brochures kept at the Eastman Hill hiking trails; Karen has added trail distances as well.

d. New member interest – Dave Perry of Bay Rd is interested in joining the Conservation Commission as an alternate member. His volunteer interest form will be sent to the TA by Audry so that he can be appointed by the BOS. Chair Crosby made a motion to recommend Dave Perry as alternate member; Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Annual NH Association of Conservation Commissions Meeting – Any members interested in attending this meeting on November 2nd can register; registration fees will be reimbursed by the Commission after receipt is submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault