

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, October 10<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, Karen Bordeau, Mary Ahlgren, Ray Masse, Doug Sarette, Dave Perry, Dick Ayers

#### Minutes

Chair Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes of 9-12 with corrections. Doug Sarette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

**a. Town Forester Contract** – Former Selectman Katy North notified Chair Crosby that the town forester contract is not the Board of Selectmen's document and does not need to be signed, though there were places for Selectmen signatures on the contract. The contract is in effect and no additional changes need to be made.

**b. Land Acquisitions** – No update on previously discussed lands for easements. Ray Masse has one area in mind that may be desirable for an easement on Upper Bay and will mention it to the landowner.

**c. Trail update** – Chair Crosby has received two quotes for trail work on the Eastman Hill trails; the quote from 3B Tree Service was significantly less than the first quote from Max Development for this work; Mary Ahlgren made a motion to expend \$2,870 from the Trail Maintenance Fund for 3B to complete the work. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Dave Perry mentioned that he would be willing to clean up the trails as time allows with some direction from the Commission.

**d. Newsletter update** – Dick Ayers provided a revised draft of the fall newsletter; he would like to include more information in future newsletters regarding more history about who the hiking trails are named after. He will receive final edits from members and then Ray will work on printing copies for distribution in the Town Offices, library, etc. Audry will post to the Town website when ready.

#### Other Business

**a. Trout in the Classroom** – Chair Crosby will be attending a Trout in the Classroom training at the end of the month with SCS science teacher Faith Sanborn who will be administering the program at the school. He is also working on getting a chiller which will be needed for the program.

**b. Monthly expenses** – Audry will deliver the annual NHCCA invoice for dues to Peggy.

**c. Conservation Commission FY21 Budget** – The Commission discussed the FY21 budget which is due to the BOS next week. They decided to once again ask for \$500 for Community Outreach & Education, though the BOS and BC voted instead for \$50 in a line for "Miscellaneous" in FY20. Expenses from this line should include printing of the new Conservation Commission newsletter (~\$200) which educates the community on conservation endeavors, and the cost of the Squam Lakes Science Center pass provided to the library (\$300) for use by Sanbornton residents; these items have previously been paid for from the

Conservation Fund. The Commission is also initiating a Trout in the Classroom program at Sanbornton Central School which may require additional expenses. Increased funds for mileage reimbursement for members are needed to cover travel to workshops, research on potential conservation land purchases and monitoring of existing conservation easements. Mary Ahlgren made a motion to submit a request for FY21 in the amount of \$2,425. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**d. David Swain Memorial Trail** – The Commission discussed moving forward with their original idea of having a sign dedicated to David Swain at the school-library walking trail established last year and scheduling a dedication ceremony. Chair Crosby will ask a local sign-maker about the possibility of building a sign, if not to use for this project then for other projects in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault