

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, November 14<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 Doug Sarette at 7:00 PM

Present: Mary Ahlgren, Ray Masse, Doug Sarette, Dave Perry (seated as voting member), Dick Ayers

#### Minutes

Mary Ahlgren made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 10/10 with corrections. Doug Sarette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

**a. Trout in the Classroom** - Doug Sarette explained that Chair Brad Crosby attended the Trout in the Classroom Training and is working with Trout Unlimited to get a chiller for the program.

**b. Eastman Hill Trail update** - Doug has not yet seen the work that 3B Tree Service has done on the Eastman Hill entrances and isn't sure if it has started.

**c. School-Library Trail update** – No decisions were made regarding this trail.

**d. Newsletter** – Ray Masse has been working on editing the Fall/Winter newsletter and provided copies to members to look over. Doug Sarette will talk with the Grahams about the entry regarding Hal Graham and his contributions to the hiking community before the newsletter is printed. Dave Perry noted that the Hal Graham trail could also use some re-blazing and other clean-up work, and he and Doug agreed to work on that together soon. Ray stated that the mission statement at the top of the newsletter could use some revision. Members agreed to use the same statement that is going on the Conservation Commission banner instead of the full mission statement (“Committed to the stewardship of Sanbornton’s natural resources”). Mary Ahlgren noted that the mission statement should be revised and asked for this to be on the agenda for December.

**e. Land Acquisition** – No update.

#### Other Business

**a. Recap from NH Association of Conservation Commissions meeting** – Dave explained that he attended this meeting and there was a discussion about possibly making DES wetland approvals conditional so that the property can be inspected later on; currently once a permit is issued it does not need to be inspected again. He was not sure if this was for the Town to inspect or the State. Dick Ayers stated that this should be discussed at a later meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mary Ahlgren stated that she thinks the DES approvals should be left to professionals as these are often complicated projects.

**b. Conservation Fund spreadsheet** – The payment for half the Conservation Commission banner is reflected in the Conservation Fund balance spreadsheet provided by Town Treasurer Karen Cobb, with the other half to be paid when the banner is received. Audry Barriault will check on the status of the banner. This spreadsheet also reflects the monies received from change in land use (properties coming out of current use).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault