

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 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, Ray Masse, Dave Perry (seated as voting member), Dick Ayers, Sarah Fox, Karen Bordeau

Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 11/14. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Ayers/Perry/Masse voting Yes and Crosby/Bordeau/Fox abstaining.

Old Business

a. Eastman Hill Trail update – Dave Perry explained that he and Doug Sarette did some trail maintenance recently including cutting some trees and re-blazing some trees adding more markings on the lavender trail. Chair Crosby stated that 3B Tree Service has just brush hogged the landing on the Eastman Hill and will be adding boulders at the entryways so that vehicles can't pass. They should also be working on adding ledgepack to these areas soon.

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

c. Newsletter – Dick Ayers once again thanked Ray Masse for the work he did on the newsletter; Ray has left copies of the newsletter at the town offices and will bring some to the transfer station and library as well. Dick will take some copies to the elementary school also. Sarah Fox suggested having some copies available at primary voting in February at Old Town Hall.

d. Land Acquisition – Chair Crosby will speak with a landowner whose parcel abuts another Conservation Commission-owned property over the holidays; Ray will also speak with a landowner about possibly doing an easement.

e. Trout in the Classroom – Chair Crosby has picked up the chiller needed for the program and will be setting it up on Wednesday December 18th to make sure it runs, then turn off for school vacation. Ray will help if available. Chair Crosby stated that he may need to buy a circulator or ph kit. Sarah Fox made a motion to expend approximately \$50.00 from the Conservation Fund for this. Ray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

a. Conservation Plan – Ray explained that he attended a recent Planning Board meeting where they discussed the Conservation Plan which was provided to them in May for insertion in the Master Plan; the PB would like more clarification on what the Conservation Plan addresses that is not already in the Master Plan. Planning Board Chair Deb Schneckloth should be communicating with Chair Crosby about this but it won't be on the PB's agenda for a couple of months.

b. Mission statement revision – Per the last meeting, some members wanted to look at revising the mission statement so that it is less complex. The Commission will discuss this at the next meeting.

d. Conservation Commission programs – Dave explained that the Old Home Day Committee would like to explore doing a fishing derby at the 250th celebration next summer which the Conservation Commission could assist with. He mentioned that the pond near the town offices may work, but there is a lot of poison ivy around it. Chair Crosby said he will try to get to the next OHD meeting to discuss this. Secretary Audry Barriault also suggested that Commission work with the BOS to see if Earth Day cleanup can be a town-sponsored event as it has been in past years. The Commission agreed to talk to BOS liaison Selectman Jim Dick about this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Audry Barriault