

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, January 9th, 2020 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, Mary Ahlgren, Selectman's Representative Jim Dick

#### Minutes

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 12/12 with corrections. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Selectman Dick, Mary Ahlgren and Doug Sarette abstaining.

#### Old Business

**a. Eastman Hill Trail update** – Chair Brad Crosby stated that the Eastman Hill trail work should now be complete and 3B Tree Service should have been paid this week. Sam Schwartz offered to help with trail maintenance this spring.

**b. Trout in the Classroom** – Chair Crosby explained that he and Ray Masse have set up the aquarium and necessary equipment needed for Trout in the Classroom. More than the \$50 appropriated last month was spent, so this will be voted on at the next meeting when Ray brings in receipts. The equipment can be used for the program year after year. The trout eggs should be picked up the week of January 21st. Chair Crosby suggested Salmon Brook or Weeks Brook for releasing the trout in several months, as Knox Mountain Brook (approved by the State for this program as the release location) will not be easily accessible. Chair Crosby stated that Weeks Brook would be easy to access and has many pools where the trout can survive. The Commission tentatively agreed on Weeks Brook; Dick suggested that Chair Crosby find out who owns the property to speak to them about the program.

**c. Mission statement revisions** - Mary suggested including language in the mission statement about environmental preservation by limiting plastic use, not littering, etc. Dick suggested a statement about what the Commission values, in addition to the basic tagline. Chair Crosby state that this can be expanded on in the next newsletter. Ray stated that if the Commission discusses its values in the newsletter or mission statement, it should also have programs to back these up. Mary asked that members bring ideas to the next meeting.

**d. Wildlife corridor mapping** - Chair Crosby stated that this will be discussed when Karen Bordeau is in attendance.

**e. Earth Day** - The Commission would like to organize an event for roadside clean-up around Earth Day, and perhaps other events involving the school. Chair Crosby will talk to SCS teacher Faith Sanborn about this.

#### Other Business

**a. Old Home Day fishing derby** - Sam Schwartz asked what ponds may be available for a fishing derby during Old Home Day in July. Chair Crosby responded that the fire pond is too shallow and warm and trout wouldn't live long enough to be caught. Access is limited at Hunkins Pond. Sam will talk to the Bodwell's about their private pond, as their property has been used for Town-sponsored events in the past.

**b. BOS update** - Selectman Dick explained that the BOS is considering installing a device called a Beaver Deceiver which will help keep beaver dams away from culverts in Town. Other nearby towns have used the same device with success. He also stated that a representative from Lakes Region Conservation Commission will be visiting the Town Administrator tomorrow to discuss grant funding but he is not sure what this is for. Selectman Dick also asked about the town-owned properties that were requested to be auctioned several months back so that these can get on the warrant for March; the properties are located at Tax Map 3/Lots 23 and 25.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Audry Barriault