

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 11th 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, Dave Perry, Doug Sarette, Dick Ayers, Karen Bordeau

Minutes

Chair Crosby made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 3/12. Karen Bordeau seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Trout in the Classroom – Chair Crosby stated that Ray Masse emailed a video link of the trout from Sanbornton Central School being released into Weeks Brook. Rob Barry, Facilities Director of the school also joined them. Chair Crosby stated that teacher Faith Sanborn would like to do the program again next year.

b. Wildlife Corridor Mapping – This will be resumed next winter.

c. Roadside Clean-up Day – Dick Ayers and Chair Crosby stated that this was a successful event and about twenty groups and individuals showed up at the gazebo to pick up trash bags. They suggested doing the same type of event each year around Earth Day, allowing residents to pick up bags within a certain window of time. Dick stated that there is now a designated spot at the transfer station for roadside trash.

d. Land Acquisition – Chair Crosby is still in discussions with a landowner with 25 acres on Perkins Rd who would like to do a conservation easement.

e. Trail name – Dick suggested putting this on the agenda for next month to make a final decision about the naming/dedication of the school-library trail. Members were in agreement. Chair Crosby mentioned there is some mowing needed at the trail; he and Dick will work on this before Old Home Day.

New Business

a. Newsletter – Dick is working on the next newsletter which will include information on the Trout in the Classroom program. The video link Ray shared can possibly be embedded in this, Audry will find out if this is possible. The write-up on woodcock by Karen will be postponed until next spring per her suggestion, as that is a more appropriate season than summer. Doug Sarette suggested adding a “Name this Bird” photo feature in each newsletter, with the answer and further information about the species on the reverse. Karen will work on this. She also suggested a field trip for the Commission and/or event for the public for watching woodcock next spring; she stated the best time for this is between April 25th and May 15th. Dave suggested including information about different types of stone walls in a newsletter as well.

b. Eastman Hill Trails – Dave stated that he is available to help with clean-up on these trails as some chainsaw work is needed; Dick, Dave and Chair Crosby will work on this Thursday, June 18th. Dave asked about including the Steele Hill hiking trails with the Conservation Commission’s trail on the map as there are access points to their trails from ours. Chair Crosby said he will check with Steele Hill about this; in the past they had supported hikers using their

private trails but he will confirm. Karen suggested putting a kiosk with maps for our trails on their end as well.

Other Business

a. Moose Run Lot – This town-owned parcel was approved to be auctioned via sealed bid by the Conservation Commission and at Town Meeting. The auction process will start in the new fiscal year.

b. Old Home Day – There will be a parade for Old Home Day but no vendors so the Conservation Commission will not set up a tent this year.

c. Conservation Commission Membership – Chair Crosby's grandson Max is interested in being a member; he will be a senior at Tilton School this fall. Chair Crosby will check on age requirements to serve as an Alternate and Mary Ahlgren had suggested that he could possibly be considered a School Liaison if he cannot serve as an Alternate yet. Members were in agreement.

d. Mountain Biking on Hiking Trails – Chair Crosby spoke with a Franklin resident who asked if he and his wife could mountain bike on the Eastman Hill trails. Chair Crosby gave him permission to do so but wanted to bring it up with the Commission as well. Karen stated that two people may not be an issue but clubs can often cause damage and create their own trails. Chair Crosby, Dave and Dick will check for any damage when they do trail cleanup next week and discuss at the next meeting. There is currently no policy for prohibiting bicycles on the trails.

e. Tax Map 25/Lot 12 Logging – An abutter to the Conservation Commission land located at TML 25/12 asked Chair Crosby about the possibility of this being logged to create a view to Mount Kearsage for a potential home build on his own property. Karen suggested checking to see if there are any restrictions in the deed that would prohibit logging as this parcel is located on a natural spring. Chair Crosby will check on this with the Assessing Assistant and then discuss about possibly having Town Forester Jon Martin look at the parcel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Audry Barriault