

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Virtual only via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Crosby at 7:00 PM

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dave Perry, Dick Ayers, Ray Masse, Selectman Jim Dick

#### Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes 3/11 with corrections. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed with votes as follows:

Crosby/Yes; Perry/Yes; Ayers/Yes; Masse/Yes; Dick/Yes

#### Old Business

**a. Forest management plan grant** – Chair Brad Crosby and Dave Perry will meet with Don Berry of Lakes Region Conservation Trust regarding this. Ray asked if they can find out if there have been any new contributions made to the Sanbornton Land Conservation Fund.

**b. Discussion with Nancy Mitiguy regarding conservation easement** – Nancy explained that she should be getting a contract for a land survey next week on her property. She will need to include language about reserving a small building envelope for a home in the future and would also like to allow for low-impact, non-motorized recreation. She is using three sample easements from other towns as guides.

Nancy stated that she would like the Commission's input on possible projects on the land, including a trail from the log landing parallel to the road, a perimeter loop trail and removing slash by the log landing. Chair Crosby stated that he thinks it would be beneficial to level off the back of the log landing as much as possible and maybe seed it down to make it usable for wildlife. Ray and Dave would like to walk the property; Chair Crosby will schedule this with them.

Nancy explained that she is in the process of finding an appraiser that will do a two-step appraisal required for a conservation easement. Dave and Chair Crosby will ask LRCT about sample easement language that can be used on other projects in the future.

**c. Roadside clean-up day** – Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> is roadside clean-up day. Chair Crosby and Dick will hand out bags at the gazebo like last year. Dave picked up the NH the Beautiful trash bags already and will bring one box to the Transfer Station. Ray suggested also having some on hand at the Town Offices and at the building bond hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**d. School-library trail rocks** – Dick Ayers has spoken with Laconia Monument about engraving the boulders; they are open to coming out to look at them and provide a quote.

**e. Trail update** – Dave stated that there are a lot of downed limbs on the Eastman Hill trails; members will schedule some dates for cleanup.

**f. Newsletter** – A final draft of the newsletter was discussed. Ray will have these printed and have them available at the building bond hearing and Town Meeting; they will also be online on the Conservation Commission page on the town website. He will try to have this featured on the News homepage to reach a wider audience as well.

## **New Business**

**a. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center pass** – Chair Crosby made a motion to purchase this and have it administered by the Sanbornton Public Library as has happened in years past; the cost is ~\$300. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with votes as follows:

Crosby/Yes; Perry/Yes; Ayers/Yes; Masse/Yes; Dick/Yes

**b. Current use penalty** – Chair Crosby received a question about the new gravel pit operation on Johnson Rd and if the penalty has been paid for taking the land out of current use, which it has not. He has seen that a new driveway has been built and a gate put in. Selectman Dick stated that the RSA states cutting a road could be considered a land use change but this will need to be researched further with the Assessing Assistant.

**c. Planning Board update** – Chair Crosby stated that Steve Laurin asked for the Commission's opinion on a 4-lot subdivision on Poplar Rd which will be discussed at the Planning Board's upcoming April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members agreed that they are not opposed to this but also do not have any details about the project. Members were also not opposed to the idea of the 10-tent site campground operation on Knox Mtn Rd at Longlook Farm.

**d. Electing officials** – Ray Masse made a motion to nominate Brad Crosby as Conservation Commission Chair. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with votes as follows:

Crosby/Yes; Perry/Yes; Ayers/Yes; Masse/Yes; Dick/Yes

Dick Ayers explained that he has reached out to Karen Bordeau about being the Vice Chair though she is not in attendance tonight and she was agreeable to this. Dick made a motion to nominate Karen as Vice Chair. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with votes as follows:

Crosby/Yes; Perry/Yes; Ayers/Yes; Masse/Yes; Dick/Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault