

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 13th 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, Ray Masse, Selectman Jim Dick

Minutes

Ray Masse made a motion to approve the draft minutes 4/8 with corrections. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed with votes as follows:

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

New Business

a. Future meetings – Chair Crosby would like to meet in-person at future meetings if members agree; all members agreed and the next meeting will be at the Town Offices.

b. Forest maintenance plan – Dave Perry stated that he has discussed doing an updated forest maintenance plan with Lakes Region Conservation Trust who could help subsidizing this but isn't sure if this is needed right now. Dave noted that the existing plan is twenty years old and should be updated; Chair Crosby stated that this can be discussed at a future meeting.

Old Business

a. Easement monitoring – Chair Crosby still needs to walk the Meader and Swain easements, members can join if they would like.

b. Newsletter – Ray confirmed with Tim Lang that the newsletter can be handed out at Town Meeting as long as it is before the checklist booth; Gail Morrison and Chair Crosby will hand these out.

c. Land acquisition – Chair Crosby explained that Nancy Mitiguy is still working on plans for a building lot in the corner of the land she wants to do an easement on. She is also working on the easement appraisal still. Chair Crosby has spoken with Steele Hill owner Bill Cutello who knows some owners of large parcels of land and may be able to speak with them about conservation easements. He is also interested in joining the Conservation Commission's hiking trails with Steele Hill's, and Chair Crosby will set up an appointment for Dave Perry to talk with him about this.

d. School-library trail - Chair Crosby explained that the trailhead needs more crushed stone for the big rocks (which will be engraved with the trail name) to sit on. Ray Masse made a motion to expend up to \$500 from the Conservation Fund to purchase crushed stone for the library trail. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with votes as follows:

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

e. Trail update – Dave and Ray did some clean up on the hiking trails; Ray noted that the unique rock wall still needs clean-up. Chair Crosby noted that former member John Earley had worked with New Hampton school to have students do clean-up and he will try to get contact info. He also stated that the Commission has discussed in the past having some parts of the trails logged and doing clean-up at the same time when the appropriate equipment is already there. Ray stated that there is a large tree hung up at the trail entrance on Taylor Rd.

Other Business

a. New member interest – Gail Morrison is interested in becoming a member as there is an opening. Chair Crosby made a motion to recommend to the BOS that she is appointed as full member for a three year term expiring in 2024. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with votes as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10th at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.**

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault