

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, July 8th 2021 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Rd, Sanbornton NH

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

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dave Perry, Ray Masse, Gail Morrison, Dick Ayers, Karen Bordeau, Selectman Jim Dick

Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 6/10 with corrections. Gail Morrison seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Easement monitoring – Chair Crosby still needs to walk the Meader and Swain easements, he will let members know when he does this so they can join.

b. School-Library trail – Some of the crushed stone has been spread out at the trailhead; Matt Swain will spread the rest and Chair Crosby will then notify the engraving company when ready for the boulder to be engraved.

c. Land acquisition – Chair Crosby explained that Nancy Mitiguy has a contact for an appraiser but the easement would need to be closed on within 90 days of completion of that appraisal. Audry will distribute Nancy's first draft of the easement agreement for members to look at. Selectman Jim Dick noted that there are no maps included with the document which could be useful.

Regarding other parcels for potential conservation, Chair Crosby asked if members would like to explore other properties before the Mitiguy purchase is completed. Dave Perry will reach out to Don Berry from Lakes Regional Conservation Trust about parcels in town that they may be interested in helping to conserve.

d. Newsletter – The most recent edition of the Conservation Commission newsletter will be available at the booth at Old Home Day. The next newsletter will be released this fall; Ray noted that an article about current use should be included, as well as one about the Sanbornton Land Conservation Fund created by Amanda Osmer.

e. Black Brook update – Chair Crosby noted that Trout Unlimited has started working on Black Brook; wood is being added to the brook for habitat creation.

New Business

a. Conservation balances – Chair Crosby provided updated balances for the Conservation Commission funds:

Land Use Change Tax Fund - \$85,000 (soon to be around \$140,000 due to an additional \$55,000 of current use penalties from several properties)

Conservation Fund - \$16,000

Forest Maintenance Fund - \$75,000

Dave asked if the Forest Maintenance Fund could be used for purchasing signage; Karen responded Yes as long as those signs are on Town Forest property. Chair Crosby provided a sample of trail signs but there is a minimum order required for these.

b. Old Home Day July 10th – The Conservation Commission will have a booth next to the library again as in years past; Chair Crosby and Dick will man the booth and other members are welcome to take turns as well. Dave will remind Don Berry at LRCT about this again in case they want to share a booth.

c. Joint Land Use Boards Meeting – This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 at Old Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. **The next regular Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12th at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.**

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault