

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday September 9th 2021 at 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Rd, Sanbornton NH

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

Approval of draft minutes of 8/12/21 – Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Ray Masse abstaining.

New Business

a. FY23 Conservation Commission budget – Members discussed the FY23 budget; Chair Crosby made a motion to flat-fund the budget with no changes. Gail Morrison seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Consultation with counsel – Members discussed the Mitiguy easement draft with the Town's attorney, Stephen Bennett.

Old Business

a. Trail maintenance update – Dave and Dick did some trail maintenance on Eastman Hill and were able to remove some timber that had fallen across the trails. Dave noted that the big stone wall that borders Steele Hill property should be cleaned up; Chair Crosby stated that he would like to discuss this with the Town Forester so it could be cleaned up while logging equipment is already doing maintenance. Dave noted that brush hogging should be done as well. Chair Crosby still needs to reach out to Steele Hill about their trails.

b. School-Library trail – Chair Crosby explained that he and Dick have mowed and fixed a ravine that washed out; Dick spoke with Matt Swain about moving the boulders to the trailhead for engraving next time his equipment is nearby.

c. Newsletter – Draft articles for the newsletter were distributed to members. Ray suggested moving the article about current use to the next newsletter as it will be lengthy; members agreed. Chair Crosby will ask Belknap County Conservation Commission about their completed work on Black Brook with Trout Unlimited for including in the next newsletter as well. A Google map with link for residents to add wildlife corridors to, created by Audry, will be mentioned in the newsletter and also put on the town website/Facebook around the time of distribution for three weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audry Barriault