

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday November 11th 2021 at 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Rd, Sanbornton NH

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dick Ayers, Dave Perry, Gail Morrison

Approval of draft minutes of 10/14/21 – Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes with corrections. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Possible marsh purchase – Chair Crosby received a phone call last month from a person who would like to help with the purchase of a marsh on behalf of the Conservation Commission. This person would like to find a marsh in Sanbornton that has a rookery for blue heron. Chair Crosby asked members to keep this in mind in case they know of an area to purchase.

Old Business

a. Trail maintenance – Dave hiked the Virginia Hutton trail recently with Gail; he noted that he is not sure how logging would be done here as it is very steep in some spots. Chair Crosby explained that in the past the log landing has been at the Eastman Hill trail entrance near the kiosk.

b. School-library trail – Chair Crosby talked with Highway Dept Director Johnny Van Tassel who agreed to move the rocks to the trail entrance to be engraved.

c. Newsletter – The Fall 2021 newsletter is now available; Gail would like copies to hand out at the Historical Society Fair on December 4th. She will reach out to Ray about this.

d. Land acquisition – Chair Crosby explained that trails are already being worked on at Nancy Mitiguy's property which the Conservation Commission is in the process of purchasing an easement on. Audry has forwarded the emails with the baseline information to all members, as well as the final easement language discussed at past meetings. Nancy is also working on getting a surveyor. Chair Crosby made a motion to accept the amended draft conservation easement language for the Mitiguy property as distributed. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Crosby has spoken with Don Berry at LRCT about their offer for a large easement in Sanbornton; the Commission felt the offer was too low but Don stated that the landowner expressed that she did not want money for the easement, hence the low offer. LRCT is now negotiating a new contract with the landowner. Chair Crosby reiterated to Don that the Commission would like to be involved however possible with the easement purchase.

Other Business

a. Conservation Commission balances – The Commission currently has \$16,600 in the Conservation Fund, \$75,700 in the Forest Maintenance Fund, and \$140,800 in the Land Use Change Tax Fund.

b. Next meeting – Chair Crosby suggested cancelling the December 9th meeting unless there is anything new to discuss; members were in agreement. The next meeting will be January 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault