

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, March 10th 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

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

Gail Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/10 with corrections. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Ray Masse made a motion to allow Karen Bordeau to participate remotely. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Earth Day clean-up – Roadside clean-up in celebration of Earth Day will be held Saturday, April 23rd. Chair Crosby and other members who wish to attend will be at the gazebo in front of Old Town Hall from 8:30 to 11:00 to hand out trash bags to residents. Gail will do a write-up for local newspapers about a week in advance.

Old Business

a. Trail maintenance update – Ray has printed more trail maps for the kiosks. Dave stated that there are mud signs posted on both Eastman Hill and Perkins Rd so he has not been on the trails lately.

b. Land acquisitions – Chair Crosby stated that he has spoken with a landowner interested in doing a conservation easement which would allow for a connection to several other Conservation properties. A large easement on Hunkins Pond is moving forward with Lakes Region Conservation Trust. Dick stated that the Conservation Commission should look at building a trail on the 13-acre Conservation property on Hunkins Pond Rd for use by the public and the school. Dave stated that he would like to walk the town-owned properties and evaluate which could possibly be sold or are still of value to conserve. Ray added that it would be good to have an updated map showing current town-owned properties and Conservation land.

c. Newsletter – The next newsletter will focus mainly on the Mitiguy easement; Selectman Dick stated that it would be a nice tie-in for an article on how easements work in general. Dick will circulate a draft of the newsletter and the goal is to distribute it at roadside clean-up day.

d. Conservation plan – Members should continue to review this to look at simplifying; Dave noted that the draft calls for collaboration with abutting towns' Conservation Commissions. Karen stated that there was a group formed years ago to do this but it didn't go anywhere, but the Commission could look into it again.

Other Business

a. Squam Lakes Science Center pass – Chair Crosby made a motion to purchase this pass for the library for \$300. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. General business – Chair Crosby stated that Mark Ledgard has marked some crossings on the Wildlife Corridor map and will provide this to Karen. Chair Crosby stated that Belknap County Conservation District is researching how to reduce the silt runoff from Black Brook. There has been one timber cut application submitted for Eastman Hill Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th.

Respectfully submitted, Audry Barriault