

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dick Ayers, Dave Perry, Ray Masse, Karen Borgeau

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/14. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. LCIP walk – Chair Brad Crosby visited the Meader property with a member of LCIP today on Burleigh Hill. Ray asked why this property was chosen and Chair Crosby explained that this piece of Conservation land was purchased with LCIP monies.

Old Business

a. Earth Day clean-up recap – Chair Crosby stated that only a handful of roadside cleanup bags were handed out at the gazebo. He suggested still noticing the event in the newspaper next year but then directing people to the transfer station where they can pick up roadside trash bags at any time; other members agreed.

b. Trail maintenance update – Dave is waiting on a call back from Rob Robilliard about connecting the Conservation Commission's trails on Eastman Hill with the Steele Hill trails. Chair Crosby stated that the rock at the trailhead of the School-Library trail has finally been engraved but still needs to be moved back a bit so as not to be hit by the snowplow.

c. Land acquisitions – No update; Chair Crosby will get in touch with Don Berry at LRCT about where they are with an easement on Hunkins Pond Rd.

d. Newsletter – Ray looked into doing a mailing of the most recent newsletter to all Sanbornton households since it is focused on how to put land into a conservation easement; he calculated the cost of the Conservation Commission doing the printing, folding, addressing etc. and the total was about \$1,006, whereas NH Print and Mail in Concord could do everything for \$1,033 including the mailing list. Members noticed that the quote says they will not mail to PO boxes and Ray will check on this. Dick Ayers made a motion for up to \$1,200 to be spent on the Conservation Commission newsletter mailing under direction of Ray Masse, with \$500 to come from account 4611.830 Community Outreach & Education, and the balance to come from the Conservation Fund. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Conservation plan – Ray provided an edited, streamlined version of the existing Conservation Plan draft; members also discussed simplifying the mission statement. Ray will come up with some draft language for that and send the entire document to members via email.

f. Forest Maintenance Fund monies – Chair Crosby stated that this fund was discussed last month and members wondered if the money could be used on things other than Town Forests; he has since found that this is possible but it would need to be a request made at Town Meeting and needs to be for a specific use. He suggested using some of the money to build a wildlife educational trail and viewing area on the conservation land on Hunkins Pond that's close to the school and members agreed this would be a good use of the funds.

g. Re-blazing boundaries – Chair Crosby has talked to Town Forester Jon Martin about re-blazing boundaries on larger pieces of property and is awaiting a quote for this. Chair Crosby will also get in touch with Nancy Mitiguy about blazing and signage on that easement though he doesn't think she will have any issues with it.

Other Business

a. Conservation set-asides in subdivisions – Karen Bordeau asked if there are stipulations on how common land, or the required Conservation set-asides resulting from subdivisions, can be used or managed. Chair Crosby stated that he doesn't believe anyone manages those pieces of land; Selectman Dick explained that the Sanbornton Subdivision Regulations state that the Planning Board can set the parameters for what can happen on those set-asides. Audry stated that they have not been doing that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault