

MINUTES  
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

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

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/9. Ray Masse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**a. Boundary line marking** – Chair Brad Crosby explained that Jon Martin has provided a quote for boundary line marking on Sanbornton Town Forests for \$9,490. Ray asked how frequently the trees are marked and Karen stated that usually the trees that were blazed before are re-painted but she is not sure about new trees. She also noted that she heard someone was already doing this work so Chair Crosby will check with Jon to get more information. Dave stated that there seems to be a discrepancy with the actual acreage of some pieces of conservation land and asked if Jon can find out the exact acreage since will be using GPS already. Ray asked if the Reed property on Hunkins Pond Rd should also be blazed; Karen stated that she is not concerned about this property because the abutting property is a conservation easement as well. Chair Crosby stated that the Reed property includes and abuts a deer yard and the Conservation Commission may want to consider having this selectively harvested periodically to maintain the deer yard.

Dick stated that if walking trails and a wildlife viewing platform are going to be constructed on the Reed property then the parcel will need to be surveyed; members agreed to wait until a date closer to those projects to have it surveyed. Chair Crosby stated that the boundary marking on the Town Forests can come partially from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Ray Masse made a motion to approve the Martin Forestry Consulting estimate dated May 10, 2022 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9,490 with a portion to come from the Conservation Fund and a portion to come from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund as invoiced. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**a. Old Home Day** – Dick Ayers will be available to set up at 8:30am and sit at the Conservation Commission booth. Dave will bring trail maps; Selectman Dick stated that they can borrow the framed Sanbornton map from the town office to have on display.

**b. Mitiguy easement signs** – Chair Crosby explained that Nancy Mitiguy dropped off some wooden arrow signs; Dave will paint these yellow to use for marking the trails. Nancy had stated that she would like a sign for the Drumlin Trail which Chair Crosby will make. Ray noted that adding a trail along the brook was discussed last month and Chair Crosby will ask Nancy about this.

**c. Newsletter budget** – Ray explained that \$500 was used from the Education & Outreach line to pay for the newsletter mailing and the remainder came from the Conservation Fund. The same will happen for this budget year, FY23, but added monies can be requested for FY24. Dick stated that members should start thinking of items they want to cover in the next newsletter that will be mailed.

**Other Business**

**a. Abutter notice for 81 Hunkins Pond Rd** – Chair Crosby explained that the Commission received an abutter notice because this property abuts the Reed property; the owner Gary Archibald would like to build a garage and a notice was required as it is in the Historic District. Members had no issues with this.

**b. Master Plan Committee list of conservation properties** – Gail explained that the Master Plan Committee would like to know the total land protected in some way by conservation; Karen stated that GRANIT View may be able to provide this.

**c. Black Brook work** – Chair Crosby stated that he has received an email from Donna Hepp at Belknap County Conservation District and she would like to show members the work done at Black Brook. He will try to schedule this for some time in September/October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Audry Barriault