

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, September 8th 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

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

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/11 with corrections. Chair Brad Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Drumlin Trail sign – Chair Crosby has bought wooden letters for this sign that will go on the Mitiguy trails.

b. Trail maintenance – Dave stated that he has checked the trailheads and poison ivy is still an issue on Taylor Rd. Chair Crosby stated that John Max who has done some work for the Commission before may be able to add landscape fabric to that area. Dick Ayers made a motion to approve up to \$1500 to John Max to correct the train entrance on Taylor Rd to be paid for from the Forest Maintenance Fund. Karen Bordeau seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. If the quote Chair Crosby receives is more than \$1500 he will discuss at the next meeting, possibly at the Black Brook walkthrough if there is a quorum of members. He will ask John about a quote for brush hogging as well.

c. Black Brook work walkthrough – This walkthrough of the work that's been done on Black Brook is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th from 10:30-11:30am. Members should meet at 309 Roxbury Rd.

d. Trout in the Classroom – Dick will get in touch with the curriculum coordinator regarding the Trout in the Classroom program in the 5th grade class at Sanbornton Central School. Chair Crosby, Dick and Ray will help with the program this year.

e. Town Forester contract – Chair Crosby will let Jon Martin know that the proposal for boundary marking was approved at the last meeting. He noted that the Town Forester contract approved expired in June 2022 and the new proposal for logging on Eastman Hill has increased in price. Dick stated that if the conversation about logging on Eastman Hill took place with Jon during the contract period (October 2021) then a new contract may not be needed. Chair Crosby will discuss this with the Town Administrator and with Jon.

f. Reed property walkthrough – Dick will provide some weekday dates and times to do a walkthrough of the property on Hunkins Pond Rd, meeting at the library. Audrey will send this out via email to members.

g. Conservation Plan – Ray provided an updated draft of the Conservation Plan. Members agreed to small changes. Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the plan as amended. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

h. Newsletter – Members agreed to work on a winter newsletter in January which can include information on Trout in the Classroom, completed trail work and Black Brook. Dick noted that the last newsletter highlighted why it's important to conserve land and this newsletter could feature hiking areas on conserved land.

New Business

a. Joint Land Use Boards meeting recap – Karen stated that there was discussion at this meeting about changing the setback requirement for subdivisions; she believes the town should educate developers about which areas on a parcel should be conserved and not let developers decide. She noted that the Master Plan says

that conserving open spaces is important and the Planning Board should take that into consideration. Dave Perry stated that another issue discussed was the wetlands setback minimums which are more stringent than the State's; Ray stated that the minimum requirements for impervious surface are also out of sync with the State. Chair Crosby suggested having Conservation Commission members take turn sitting in on Planning Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting is the Black Brook walkthrough scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault