

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, April 13th 2023 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Old Town Hall, 19 Meeting House Hill Rd, Sanbornton NH

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

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 3/9/22. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Boundary marking update – Greg DiSanto is working with Jon Martin on the boundary marking project for Conservation properties in town. He explained that the western boundary line was undefined on the Eastman Hill property ten years ago and still is, so he plans to stay away from this area when doing the timber harvest. Chair Crosby stated that he would like to see the Reed property on Hunkins Pond Rd blazed; Dick noted that the boundaries there are marked with ribbon but the driveway boundaries are still of concern.

Dave Perry stated that the property at the end of Poplar Rd could be blazed. Greg explained that he did not include that parcel in the plan because it would be small for a timber harvest. Chair Crosby stated that he doesn't feel the need to blaze that piece or the common land on Mountain Rd. Dave stated that there is a thirteen-acre piece on Willow Rd as well; Chair Crosby suggested keeping that piece in mind for later on, but not blazing it at this time.

Greg stated that the parcel on Dr. True Rd borders a lot of small house lots and there are some encroachments such as a shed over the boundary line and other items. Ray asked if there is a liability to having these items on the town property and Greg responded that he is unsure and the town's attorney could provide guidance on that. Members decided to not blaze any parcels other than those that have been done already.

b. Earth Day reminder – Chair Crosby will be at the Transfer Station Friday 4/21 from 9am to 1pm handing out roadside clean-up bags; Dick will be there 4/22 from 8am to 10am and Gail from 10am to 11am. Audry will have a notice published in the newspaper about this for Tuesday 4/18.

c. Trail committee formation – Dick explained that he would like to coordinate a trail committee to work on trails and creation of new trails such as one at the Reed property; he stated that the group could possibly work with the snowmobile club. Ray stated that the RSA provides the Conservation Commission with the authority to do this without approval from the Selectmen. Karen explained that trails on State land would need to be reviewed by the State and getting permission from landowners for trails on private lands can be challenging. Chair Crosby stated that several members of the Commission would oversee the group. Members should bring back ideas about the trail committee to the next meeting.

d. Non-public session – A motion to enter non-public session relative to RSA 91-A:3, II(d), consideration of the acquisition of property, was made by Chair Crosby at 8:13pm and seconded by Ray Masse. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to leave non-public session at 8:35pm was made by Chair Crosby. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Motion to seal the minutes made by Chair Crosby, seconded by Dave Perry. Roll call vote to seal the minutes; Ayers, yes; Crosby, yes; Masse, yes; Morrison, yes; Perry, yes; Lambert, yes; Bourdeau, yes. Motion passed.

Other Business

a. General other business – Chair Crosby stated that someone is still needed to mow the field on Eastman Hill; John Max is not able to do it. The Science Center pass was paid. Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton are invited to a joint Conservation meeting on Monday 4/17.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault