

MINUTES
Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 11th 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

Present: Dick Ayers, Dave Perry, Chair Brad Crosby, Karen Bordeau, Selectman Bob Lambert

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 4/13/23. Chair Crosby seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Non-Public Session to discuss land acquisition as allowed by RSA 91-A:3, II(d) – 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 7:05pm and seconded by Dick Ayers. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to leave non-public session at 7:11pm was made by Chair Crosby. Dave Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Motion to seal the minutes made by Selectman Lambert seconded by Chair Crosby. Roll call vote to seal the minutes; Ayers, yes; Crosby, yes; Bordeau, yes; Perry, yes; Lambert, yes. Motion passed. During the session, land acquisition was discussed and no votes were taken.

b. Recap of conservation setback discussion with Planning Board - Chair Crosby explained that he met with the Planning Board regarding the 5% conservation setback requirement for subdivisions over 10 acres; a lot line adjustment application was submitted for Tower Hill Rd which Planning Board Assistant Steve Laurin had said is technically a subdivision. Audry read waiver request for the setback requirement as part of this application; the applicant explained that there is no building proposed as part of the lot line adjustment. Chair Crosby made a motion to not require a conservation setback for this application. Karen Bordeau seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Audry noted that there is a pending application for a subdivision on Mountain Rd that the Conservation Commission will want to look at.

c. Earth Day recap – Chair Crosby stated that distributing roadside cleanup bags at the transfer station was successful. He has given the remaining bags to two Saint Bani students who will be doing roadside cleanup as part of a summer project; they each need 25 hours of community service and he will suggest Gulf Rd and Rte 127/park and ride area for cleanup. He will ask Shauna at the Transfer Station to order more bags.

Old Business

a. Trail maintenance/Trail Committee development – Jon Martin has sent two separate invoices for boundary work so that the Eastman Hill work can be paid for from the Forest Maintenance Fund. Dave provided photos of some of the maintenance needed on the hiking trails and stated that there are trees that should be reblazed and more blazes should be added. Dave, Chair Crosby and Dick will pick a day to work on the trails in the next few weeks. Selectman Lambert explained that material from Knox Mountain Rd is being used as fill at the Town Park

and the Highway Dept may be able to dump some of that at the trail entrances as well; Chair Crosby will call and ask.

Dick explained that he and Dave have created documents describing what the Trail Committee will do and that should be refined before the next meeting and then used to recruit participants. Selectman Lambert suggested using Old Home Day to recruit participants. Karen Bordeau sent members the online trail locator tool the State uses which allows trail creation that has minimal impact on wildlife. Chair Crosby recommended starting with a trail system already in place and improving it before starting new trails. Dick will work on the newsletter that will include information about the Trail Committee so that this can be handed out during Old Home Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Audry Barriault