

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:45 PM

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

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Ray Masse (via Zoom), Dave Perry, Karen Bordeau

Guests: Don Noyes, Mark Brown, Brian LaRoche, Chris Fontenot

No Quorum at tonight's meeting, therefore no votes were taken.

#### **TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING -6:45PM**

- a. **Taylor Hill Trail Head abutter concerns:** In-depth discussion with land owner Mark Brown, who's property abuts the Taylor Hill Road Trail Head. He believes the property boundaries are incorrect and the recent parking area work was conducted on his property. Due to general uncertainty of the property boundaries (no pin has been found), he believes it's possible the entire trail head is on his property. He is disappointed and frustrated that he was not notified, even as an abutter, of the proposed work that was done, or that his property concerns would be discussed at tonight's meeting. Chair Crosby agrees that more communication should've taken place, especially after Mark first contacted the town with his concerns about 2 weeks ago.  
Mark also expresses concern about impact to the wet area along the property, which was categorized as a wetland according to his deed documents, but no wetland permits were pulled for the parking area work. He shows photographs of pooling and drainage issues on his property after the work was completed.  
Karen and Chair Crosby suggests a licensed surveyor should delineate the final property boundaries so this issue can be resolved. If the trail head and/or parts of the trail need to be moved, it can be done without issue.
- b. **Public Trail Walk Results:** Dave, Bob Lambert, Don Noyes, and several members of the public were present for the town forest trail walk on Oct 22nd, and it was deemed a success. Future trail walks are recommended by Dave and Don as all participants enjoyed the experience. Dave has green and yellow spray paint in preparation for re-blazing the trails, but will wait until warmer weather to start. Guest Brian recommended involving the local schools and students for making educational signage along the trails; this idea was well received.
- c. **GIS/GPS of Trails:** Guest Chris has expertise in GIS and can help with mapping the trails (both town forest and Mitiguy easement) accurately and help resolve the current misalignment.

#### **REGULAR CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS – 7:30PM**

##### **New Business**

- a. **Property Gift:** Resident Dave Adams is donating 100 acres to the town for conservation. The access point will be an additional 62 ft along a Class VI range road. The Primary easement holder will be Lakes Region Land Trust, and the town of Sanbornton will be secondary easement holder.

This property is a mostly wooded lot with high value wildlife habitat. There are no existing trails on the property. A land survey is almost complete.

#### **Old Business**

- a. **FY25 Budget Update:** Proposed budget, including additional funding for trails subcommittee, has been approved by Board of Selectman, and will next go to the budget committee for final approval.
- b. **Dr. True Road:** Chair Crosby visited the Dr. True Road log landing where additional parking for the beach was proposed. He states the entrance to the log landing is wide enough to accommodate 3 cars. He recommends placing large stones along the entrance to allow walkers to access the property but keep cars from driving on to the actual landing. A property walk to document evidence of encroachment will take place in the spring.

#### **Other Business**

- a. **New CC volunteers:** Brian and Chris are interested in joining the CC. The following steps are required for adding members:
  - a. The CC needs to approve via vote (unable tonight due to no quorum)
  - b. Complete the volunteer form and submit to town administrator
  - c. Gain approval from Selectman Board
  - d. Get sworn-in at town office by tax clerk
- b. **NH Association of Conservation Commissions:** Dave attended the Annual conference with educational workshops on Saturday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> in Pembroke NH. Topics he found most interesting included Invasive Species Control, Conservation Bonds, and using LIDAR to map stonewalls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Tedeschi