

# Sanbornton Conservation Commission

December 8, 2016

## *Meeting Minutes*

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Karen Bordeau, John Early, Mary Ahlgren, Dick Ayers & Doug Sarette (member pending confirmation by Selectman)

Meeting called to order by Brad Crosby, chair at 7:00 p.m., upon recognition of a quorum present.

### **Minutes:**

Chair Crosby noted that Katy (Wells) North, volunteer secretary to the commission, would not be present and that the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes would be brought forth at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for review and approval of the commission.

### **Old Business:**

A brief discussion, brought forward by Karen B. summarized the discussion at the November meeting on the interpretation of the term 'abutter' as noted in the regulatory provisions of the state. No action taken.

Following brief discussion with Doug Sarette, Mary A made a motion to formally forward the nomination of Doug as a full member of the Commission, with term expiring in 2019, from his current status as Alternate. Brad C. seconded motion with unanimous approval. The recommendation will be forwarded to the BOS to officially appoint Mr. Sarette as a full member of the Commission.

As noted by Mary A, the Commission confirmed the vote at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to appoint Mr. Mark Ledyard as Alternate Member of the Commission and to forward his nomination to the BOS as well.

John Early reviewed the discussion at the November meeting on the condition of the stonewall on the Blue Trail and the Commission members confirmed the vote at the November meeting to proceed with soliciting a bid from John Max to restore the wall and remove the trees and brush surrounding the wall. Chair Crosby indicated he would contact Mr. Mark to receive a bid on the project.

## **New Business:**

The status of the secretarial position was briefly discussed with agreement that this be discussed in more detail at the January 2017 meeting. This is to include the value of having the draft minutes of the previous meeting and forthcoming meeting agenda available prior to the meeting date for review by Commission members.

Chair Crosby spoke to his recent meeting with Andy Fast, Belknap County Forester, concerning the review of open town land over 10 acres. The review was in conjunction with established directive from the State of NH to review such parcels in all communities. Chair Crosby noted that Mr. Fast appeared to be pleased in the way such property was maintained in Sanbornton.

Chair Crosby noted the status of Commission Funds to include: Forest Maintenance Fund \$60,340; Conservation Fund \$10,548.25 and Land Use Change Tax Fund \$67,616.34. Chair Crosby will confer with Rob Jutton in regard to any additional changes to the Land Use Tax Fund.

Chair Crosby spoke with John Martin on status of logging project TML 25/18, New Boston Road and that the logging operation is completed and that John Martin will meet with the Commission at the January meeting to discuss details of the project.

The Commission members discuss the scope of potential properties for conservation easements and agreed that the topic of conservation easements should be a priority on the agenda for the January meeting of the Commission.

Chair Crosby noted receipt of notice of a program on Forest Laws for Municipal Officials on December 14<sup>th</sup> and indicated that he was planning to attend and invited others to attend as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mary A, with second by John E with unanimous approval.

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***Minutes approved at January 12, 2017 meeting (motion by B.Crosby, second by K.Bordeau, unanimous approval)***

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