

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

January 12, 2017

*Meeting Minutes **DRAFT***

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

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

Minutes:

Chair Crosby made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 minutes, as corrected, motion Seconded by Karen Bordeau with unanimous approval of Commission members.

Old Business:

Chair Crosby briefly discussed the secretarial position for the Commission and following brief discussion indicated he would contact Katy (Wells) North in regard to the November 16 minutes and will confer with the Town Administrator as necessary in regard to this position.

Notation was given of Mark Ledgard's meeting with the selectman where he was sworn-in as Alternate Member of the Commission. It was noted that this term expires in 2017.

New Business:

John Martin of Martin Forestry Consulting presented the details of the recently closure of the New Boston Road parcel. The project took 9 months to complete by HB Logging with volume exceeding the original bid of \$19,037 by 24% @ \$23,459. Management expenses were \$4901.75 and \$1000 was held out to recondition the access road, seeding, etc. The net to the general fund was \$17,532.75. Discussion continued in regard to the infestation of Common Buckthorn on the lot and the potential costs for eradication of this evasive species. It was agreed to postpone further discussion until the April meeting so that commission members may view the lot.

John Martin mentioned the interest of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust in meeting with the Sanbornton Commission in respect to common interests in

Conservation Easements in Sanbornton. Commission members expressed interest in meeting with LRCC at some point in the future.

Chair Crosby noted that he had met with Rob Jutton in regard to Land Use Funds and noted that no funds were received this year.

The process for seeking applications for the Town Forrester position was discussed at length with the consensus of the Commission to have a *draft* proposal prepared for further discussion at the February meeting. The criteria is to include—notation of experience with municipalities, consultation rates, notation of timber sales and vendors and availability. The Commission members expressed interest in a five (5) year contract provision. Dick Ayers will contact the Town Administrator for information on the preferred process for seeking RFP's as well as availability of sample RFP's.

The discussion of pursuing Conservation Easements included a review of previously referenced sites within Sanbornton, particularly those that are adjacent to current easements. The consensus of Commission members was to initiate conversations with landowners with property adjacent to current easements. Chair Crosby will initiate initial conversations with several landowners.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion of Chair Crosby and second by Dick Ayers with unanimous approval.

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