

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, July 13 2017 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Road, Sanbornton, N.H.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Crosby at 7:00 PM

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Karen Bordeau, John Earley, Brian Mokler, Dick Ayers, Mark Ledgard

Minutes

Chair Brad Crosby made a motion to approve the public and non-public draft minutes of 6/08. Mark Ledgard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Discussion of possible conservation easement on Hunkins Pond Rd, tax map #23006005, proposed by owner Kyle Reed** – Kyle Reed indicated his interest in a conservation easement for 13.68 acres on Hunkins Pond Rd., explaining that he would possibly want to timber or hunt on the property though there does not appear to be enough timber for harvesting. He provided a land appraisal by William Bates which the Commission will review. Chair Brad Crosby explained that an easement appraisal would be required by a certified easement appraiser. Mr. Reed asked what his liability would be as a landowner for this easement, and Brian Mokler responded that it would be the same as it is now, with Karen Bordeau explaining that there are state laws protecting easement landowners. Karen also explained that Kyle would be giving up his development rights to the land and that certain language can be negotiated in the easement agreement so that he can continue to use the land for agreed upon uses. Dick Ayers asked about the timeline for this proposed easement and Chair Crosby responded that it can take 6 months to a year for the easement appraisal so it is not a quick process. Brian Mokler added that it is possible to donate some or all of the land, in which case a more detailed easement assessment would be required as the IRS would be involved. Some members agreed to walk the parcel, which abuts an existing easement, next Thursday, July 20th at 4:00.

Old Business

- a. **Discussion of RFP responses received for forester contract** – Chair Brad Crosby explained that 3 bid responses were received for a 5-year forester contract, from Dylan McGuffin, Shaun Lagueux, and current forester John Martin. The responses will be available for members to review in the Town Offices, and members should come to the next meeting with any questions.
- b. **Trail work by John Max** - Chair Crosby stated that John Max has made repairs to a stone wall on the Eastman Hill property and more tree cleanup is still needed; he will speak with John about doing this soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault