

MINUTES

Sanbornton Conservation Commission

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, August 10 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, Brian Mokler, Dick Ayers, Mark Ledgard, Doug Sarette

Minutes

Dick Ayers made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 7/13. Brian Mokler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Emerald Ash Borer** – Chair Brad Crosby stated that the Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Sanbornton and that there are certain best practices to be followed to limit the spreading of the insect to other areas, such as not relocating firewood, etc. Any member who sees a tree in question should contact Brad Crosby.

Old Business

- a. **Discussion of RFP responses received for forester contract** – The Commission discussed the bids proposed by three individuals for the Town Forester contract, which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. Brian Mokler made a motion to continue to use the services of Jon Martin for the duration of the contract. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Karen Bordeau abstaining. The secretary will send letters of notice to all three applicants.
- b. **Discussion of possible conservation easement on Hunkins Pond Rd, tax map #23006005, proposed by owner Kyle Reed** – The Commission reviewed the Reed property located on Hunkins Pond Rd, which abuts an existing conservation easement. Karen Bordeau noted that members should think about what they would like to do with the land in the future. If the Commission wants to create a viewing area for wildlife, for example, this can be negotiated in the easement agreement with the property owner. Dick Ayers will notify Kyle Reed that an easement appraisal would be required if he would like to pursue this.
- c. **Trail maintenance update** - Chair Crosby explained that John Earley has walked the trails on Eastman Hill and reported that the trails are in good shape, though some trailheads should be cleaned up. He also stated that he has spoken with John Max about possibly making repairs to a large stone wall on the trail system, but John does not have suitable equipment for this. Chair Crosby suggested waiting until the land is possibly logged in a few years to take advantage of the large equipment that is already there.
- d. **New Boston Rd Seeding** – Jon Martin has notified Chair Brad Crosby that the seeding project is complete on New Boston Rd and that there is leftover money that will be sent back to the Conservation Commission.

Other Business

a. Photo contest – Karen Bordeau explained that Sanbornton Public Library Director Marcia Haigh would like to offer another photo contest with the assistance of the Conservation Commission. Marcia suggested having the contest run from Columbus Day through Earth Day so that students can take photos in different seasons, and she be responsible for promoting the contest within area schools. Members agreed that they would like to partake, and Dick Ayers volunteered to be a judge. Members will also find prizes for the three winners of the contest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Audry Barriault