



Canterbury Conservation Commission
Canterbury, NH 03224

Minutes

April 11, 2011

Present: Bob and Linda Fife, Jen, Fred Ficken, Kelly Short, Ken Stern, Teresa Wyman, Galen Beale, Ken Stern

Guest: Steve Seron

Absent: Jim Bassett, Dan Sperduto, Tom Osmer

Jen asked Linda Fife to be a voting member tonight.

1. Approval of the Minutes

The February and March minutes of the Conservation Commission were approved with corrections on a motion by Kelly, seconded by Jen. All voted in favor.

2. GRANIT maps – Ken Stern

Ken had found 3 properties not on the Granite mapping system. He has created maps of these conservation properties and distributed them to the membership and will submit them to become part of the GRANIT system. The ones to be added are an expansion of the Schoodac by the Dole and Luker easement ; the 2004 Alexander/John easement off Foster Road; and the 2005 Rueswick/Cook easement.

3. Signage – Jen

Rich Cook of Fish and Game is proposing a sign for the Much-y-Do Banks property now stewarded by them. The sign looks good but Jen will remind Rich that the property by the Yellow Gate is not Fish and Game Property.

Tom Roy noticed the large erosion going on at the beginning of the property's road. Galen confirmed that this will be a problem for the Fish and Game to drive by.

4. Riverland Issues

Bob said he had been contacted by Jean Drew, on Riverland Road about shooting in Oxbow Pond in the Fall. This seems to be duck hunters and the matter will go to the Stewardship Committee.

5. Legislative Consequences

Jen noted that with the current budget the VLAP, water testing program will be cancelled. Others noted that there will be many good conservation programs that will be gone in the new budget. LCHIP in particular is once again imperiled.

6. CCC Advocacy

The group agreed that because we work under the guidance of the Selectmen we cannot speak for the Town. However, if a threat appears to endanger the Town Properties which we are charged with to conserve, protect and preserve, we will advocate for them through the Selectmen.

7. Northern Pass

Jen will ask the Selectmen to request from the Northern Pass coalition a detailed map of the main and alternate routes through Canterbury. We would like it as a GIS layer if possible and would also like the Northern Pass to analyze its impact for us.

8. Hildreth Field Signage

A small committee will be organized to create and site the new sign for the Bob Fife Conservation Area. Bob will contact Murray Fay who has done other signs in town.

Bob also reported he and Molly Sperduto put out blue bird boxes in the field recently.

9. Trash Pick-up

The CCC will try to organize folks through the email list to come help pick up trash on Intervale Road, along the Gold Star frontage. The date set will be April 16th.

10. Lessee Property – Galen

Galen said that she would like to start working on a management plan for this property. She got the group's approval to write a letter to the neighbors in an effort to have them come to a meeting of the Stewardship Committee and discuss their thoughts and concerns about the property.

11. Land Use Change Tax – Kelly

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Kelly went through the additional monies that have come into the budget through the Land Use Change tax. She said we can expect to have about \$25,000. To work with this year.

12. Membership Committee - Jen

Bob and Fred will continue on as the Membership Committee and will work on proposing the officers of the CCC.

Jen relayed that Dan Sperduto has had to resign as an alternate because of his busy schedule, but that he will be available for special projects. All agreed Dan has been a wonderful addition to the CCC.

13. Saving Special Places Conference

Galen, Fred and Ken all went to the recent conference in Sutton and all were very please at the quality of the programming. Each discussed what they had learned at their workshops.

On a motion by Kelly, seconded by Bob the Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Beale

Acting Secretary