



Canterbury Conservation Commission
Canterbury, NH 03224

Minutes

August 13, 2012

Present: Ken Stern, Galen Beale, Bob Fife, Linda Fife, Tom Osmer, Kelly Short

Absent: Teresa Wyman, Jen Taylor, Steve Seron, Fred Ficken, Faith Berry

The August meeting of the conservation Commission was to be a work meeting to further discuss the Conservation lands in town.

Because this is a very broad topic, several approaches were offered. Ken Stern suggested focusing on the town owned conservation lands and had mapped the four most significant areas: Schoodac, Merrimack River lands, Kimball Pond, and Rocky Pond.

Ken noted that the privately owned conservation lands in Town are well known and can be found on Granit.

A discussion followed on each of these properties: what is their significance, what is their future, what is their conservation value.

Kelly suggested another approach and described the 3 components of our work:

1. Philosophy, what we are trying to achieve, prioritize this using a list of values
2. How do we get from where we are to where we want to get.
3. Data, what do we own, look closely at the individual properties

The group decided to try to create a list of values which we can use to create a co-occurrence map. It became clear we needed to differentiate between our Conservation goals, and a set of measurable values. Included in our goals would be recreation, working forests and natural areas.

Other ideas were considered for map overlays: Buffer areas; proximity to Town owned property.

The values suggested by the group were as follows:

Large contiguous areas

Water resources and riparian corridors

Agricultural soils

Scenic vistas

Wildlife habitat

Biodiversity

The Minutes of the July 2012 meeting were approved with corrections on a Motion by Ken, seconded by Kelly, all voted in favor.

Bob Fife announce the Commission had received \$58.00 in donations from the Fiddler's picnic which was very successful, 18 instruments and about 38 people in the audience. Thank you Teresa for such a wonderful event.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Beale, Secretary