

Canterbury Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting

October 10, 2012

Present: Kelly Short, Tom Osmer, Linda Fife, Bob Fife, Teresa Wyman, Steve Seron, Ken Stern Absent: Jen Taylor, Faith Berry, Galen Beale, Fred Ficken

Kelly Short, Chairman, opened the meeting at the Meeting House at 7:00 pm.

Bob Fife reported that the Beaver Deceiver had been installed at Kimball Pond on 10/9/12 by Tom Osmer, Mark Stevens and himself. The Chairman expressed her appreciation for everyone's efforts in completing the installation. Bob brought photos of the installation procedure.

Kelly Short reported that the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) annual meeting is being held November 3, 2012 at the Rundlett Middle School in Concord. Workshops and field trips are offered. Members were encouraged to attend.

Kelly Short reported that the big maple tree by the Sam Lake House has been cut down and that it was not possible to consider any wood workers who may have been interested in using the wood as suggested at the September 2012 meeting.

Kelly Short reported that she has met with the Board of Selectmen regarding the CCC Strategic Plan, open space plans, and an easement on Bob's Field, a 45- acre parcel on Kimball Pond Road. The selectmen unanimously supported adding the easement. Ken Stern has contacted the NH Forest Society regarding the easement. The easement will reserve the right for public access, a kiosk, a parking area with at least 5000 square feet to accommodate 6-8 cars and a school bus. Ken will inquire about reserving the snowmobile trail in the field. Actual language for the easement will be developed.

Ken stated that at least one public hearing prior to the NH Forest Society meeting needs to be held. The public hearing will be held Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting House.

Ken Stern moved to request the Forest Society to draft and accept an easement on 45 acres purchased from the Hildreth Trust, including a reserved right for a kiosk,

snowmobile trail, and a parking area not to exceed 5,000 square feet. Public access will be guaranteed. Motion was seconded by Bob Fife.

The CCC Strategic Plan, updated Sept. 2012, was discussed. Priorities and strategies updates were identified by the Chairman and Kelly requested that the members review the updates within two weeks.

The brick house between the church property and the cemetery on Kimball Pond Road is being taken for back taxes and the Board of Selectmen would like to sell it. The CCC members agreed that the property was of no value from a conservation point of view. Kelly Short will relate this to the Board of Selectmen.

Minutes from the September 2012 meeting were accepted by Ken Stern, seconded by Tom Osmer. The minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved.

Bob Fife has compiled a letter to Luke Mahoney, whose cattle have been pastured in Bob's Field, outlining the areas not to be mowed to preserve the trees and bushes for the wildlife and its habitat and removing fencing next to the snowmobile trail. Kelly Short will deliver the letter to the Selectmen.

The Commission reviewed a table categorizing conservation values and maps. Tom Osmer has color coded maps outlining Town property and easements. The tables and maps were reviewed and discussed to identify lands that are or should be managed primarily for conservation and those that have no or low conservation value. Ken Stern and Tom Osmer will continue working on this project.

There being no other business, Teresa Wyman made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Steve Seron. Meeting closed at 9:30 P.M.

Due to the Veteran's Day holiday on Monday, November 12th, the next meeting will be at the Meeting House on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 and will include the public meeting regarding the easement on Bob's Field.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fife

Acting Secretary

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