



Canterbury Conservation Commission
Canterbury, NH 03224

Minutes of the Meeting

February 11, 2013 Meeting

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

Steve Seron saw 7 bluebirds, 3 robins and 1 hermit thrush this past weekend!

1. Update on DES Permit Notification

S. Kennedy – Forestry Notification

T. Burns – Notice of Violation

Acceptance of Permit Application – Wetlands Impact, Shaker Road (#207/7)

S. Olsen Acceptance of Permit Application – Wetland Impacts

Kelly will check with the abutters, and tell them the full permit application is available to read.

2. Winter event planning – Faith and Linda

Faith goes over the Canterbury Shaker Village engagement. It was suggested that we do not know how many people will come to such an event, and so don't know if it will be financially viable event or not. Kelly wants this event to be education and suggested taking a year to create materials for an educational get together. We are planning to have a table at Town Meeting. A spontaneous sledding even at the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area [hereafter RSFCA] was discussed. Someone will reconnoiter the field, and make sure there are not too many berries and thorns. Jen suggested a skating party on the Town Fire Pond and/or Kimball Pond. We were reminded there is two feet of snow on these ponds.

3. Further discussion/input to multiple use plan for the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area field.

The commission discussed the value of having cows in the field next year. Several members thought that the cows are not able to accomplish our goals for the field. The brambles were not eaten down by the cows and it is probably not possible to sled there this winter. While the cows fertilize the field, everything even invasive continue to grow.

Kelly reviewed her document on the potential possible uses of the field. Because not everyone has been able to have input into the field's uses, it was decided to devote some of the hour of our March

meeting to further public discussion of the field's uses.

4. Status update on conservation projects:

- Fife Conservation Area easement updated by Forest Society lawyer was discussed. It had some new additional language.
- Therrien easement going very slowly because of paperwork necessary.

5. Reasons LUCT should continue funding conservation. Kelly will make a list of reasons why.

We will man a table at Town Meeting with information:

Map of Conservation Areas.. Basic questions about what CCC does.

Sign up sheet for volunteers, meeting notification

Roster of members

Create a double side sheet for distribution that highlights five conservation properties: Schoodac; Riverland; Kimball Pond area; Canoe Launch; Peverly Meadow. Jen and Tom will work on this handout

6. Budget update

Kelly is on the budget committee.

Kelly reviewed the items in the upcoming budget that had conservation impacts. In the March meeting we will work on prioritizing our expenditures.

7. Open Space planning

Ken made a set of maps for us to review, In an effort for evaluate conservation priorities. This newest map contains roads, water bodies, conservation lands, tax map lots, larger lots are darker colors ; This is the beginning to trying to create a simpler map with 3-5 values on it. Some members felt it might be easier to start with individual maps of each category: lg. contiguous undeveloped area; water resources; riparian corridors; agricultural soil; scenic vistas; wildlife habitat and biodiversity. These individual maps can help us prioritize. It was suggested that we work with the Agricultural Committee. Use April meeting to invite someone to talk about how to make these value judgments.

Information going into our maps have been a 2000 survey of town about their conservation values in town ; a 2005 CNHRPC request for our values; Kelly and Daryl Covell created list of 18/19 specific categories, not prioritized.

8. Approve Minutes of Jan 2013 meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes with corrections made by Ken, seconded by Tom. All voted in approval.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Beale, Secretary

