

# **Canterbury Conservation Commission**

Canterbury, NH 03224

# Minutes of the Meeting

August 12, 2013

Present: Present: Kelly Short, Galen Beale, Tom Osmer, Steve Seron, Bob Fife, Ken Stern, Chris

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Absent: Fred Ficken, Faith Berry, Jen Taylor, Teresa Wyman, Linda Fife

#### 1. Permit notifications

- a. Complete Forestry Notification, Map 205, Log 001; Adams Irrevocable Trust (Karl Adams). Dated April 18, 2013
- b. Dredge & Fill, Shaker Village, Map 228, Lot 8, Turning Mill Pond. Approved 5/22/2013 and expires 5/22/2018.
- c. Intent to Cut, Map 15, Lot 27 on Shaker Road, filed May 24, 2013.
- d. Complete Forestry Notification, Shaker Village: "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification, Map 15, Lot 27. Dated May 30, 2013.

## 2. Meeh distillery proposal – letter of interpretation regarding easement

Kelly met with Selectmen to discussed whether distillery is an agricultural use? Selectmen liked the Letter of Interpretation —they felt it supports the agricultural emphasis of the town's planning. Kelly will write the letter, Selectmen will review

### 3. Mowing and Maintenance plan – RSFCA

Thanks to everyone who cut brush along the wall: Chris, Steve, Kelly, Bob, Fred. Bob has two people lined up for mowing; will start on the further side where it is dryer as the field is still wet. CCC can pay for the fuel.

#### 4. CE monitoring proposal

5. Kelly discussed Chris' proposal with him to see if there were ways to lower our costs. After this discussion Kelly felt comfortable with Chris' bid.

<u>Motion</u> by Ken, seconded by Tom: To retain Chris Kane to provide easement monitoring services as stated in his May 2013 proposal. All voted in favor. Kelly will take the contract to the Selectmen.

## 6. Open Space Planning

- a. Reports on property visits.
  - i. Property checklists
- b. The Commission continued its review of town owned properties.

#### 7. Northern Pass

Kelly asked the Commission if we should host an informational session.. Ken, should the Selectmen do it, should we do it jointly? They will stick to right – of – way in Canterbury. Most felt that there is already enough information out there provided by the Forest Society and others and there was not a need for such a hearing.

# 8. VLAP report – Kimball Pond.

Report indicates a steady results. Sample every 2/3 years until/unless there is a big change.

### 9. Unitil tree trimming – concerns from any residents?

Tom and Tyson walked with the Tree company went to look at the designated trees. Some trees were on West Road on conserved land, others on beach, as that is the main feed to the Town. Selectmen said going to take bridge out anyway, so will help town and cut the trees. Small, insignificant trees. Tom felt it was ok to remove these trees. Other trees are on private property. Several trees are in Cemetery; Selectmen have stated they will go to great lengths to save these trees. After discussion the Commission decided to recommend the following:

Motion by Ken, seconded by Tom, to cut down and replace the western, oldest, sickest tree. Seconded by Tom. All in favor.

### 10. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Steve, seconded by Tom to approve the revised July Minutes. All voted in favor.

#### 11. Terms of the Conservation . Easement. RSFCA

<u>Motion</u> by Ken, seconded by Tom: to include the following concept in the Easement . An easement would cover whole property. Within the reserved rights section there will be a provision that will allow for improvement along Kimball Pond Road for safety, access, and preserving the view, such as but not limited a sidewalk, utility relocation, consistent with the purposes of the easement [specifying 12 'corridor from the edge of the road] . Subject to the approval of the Grantee, SPNHF, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Respectfully submitted, Galen Beale, Secretary