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CANTERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 10, 2022, Meeting House, 7 pm and by remote zoom participation

Members Present: Kelly Short (Moderator)

Members attending remotely: Ken Stern (Chair), Bob Steenson (BOS Rep), Teresa Wyman, Bob Fife, Linda Fife, Steve Seron,

Absent: Audra Klumb, Sara Riordan,

1. Linda Fife congratulations.

All expressed their appreciation to Linda Fife for her many years of service on the CCC. Linda has served on the Commission since 2009. In addition to her direct service, she has assisted Bob in his conservation commission activities for many years.

2. Approve prior meeting Minutes

Upon motion and second, the minutes were approved.

3. Membership

Audra has been sworn in as a member.

Ken and Teresa's terms are expiring. Kelly moved and Bob S. seconded and the commission voted to recommend their reappointment to the Commission.

At the April meeting, officers will be elected. Ken is in his first year of a two year term as chair. Kelly is willing to serve again as treasurer. She would like to train someone else in this role for her possible future replacement or back up. Sara has agreed to serve again as secretary. The floor was opened to anyone interested in serving as an officer. No one stepped forward.

We still are in need of new members, hopefully younger people.

Kelly will pass the recommendations for Ken and Teresa on to the selectmen.

4. Master plan discussion

Kelly led the discussion about revisions to Chapters 5 and 6 of the master plan. This was a continuation of the discussion from prior meetings. Kelly had distributed a revised version for review. We reviewed both chapters and made some minor corrections. The specific details of the revisions are included in Kelly's notes.

Kelly will finalize the CCC comments and forward the document to the Planning Board and Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

Everyone thanked Kelly for her hard work in providing CCC input on the Master Plan.

5. Conservation property priority process discussion and resource maps.

Kelly had sent the Central NH Regional Planning Commission our revised scoring data. They were to create a revised map showing priority conservation areas. We have not received the map yet. We will hold off soliciting wider input to the scoring system until we have the opportunity to review the next draft.

The regional planning commission sent us a revised set of natural resources maps for our review. The maps were sent by email to the members. We will review them at the April meeting and offer suggestions. Ken has some suggested revisions, primarily dealing with colors and visibility. We discussed the conservation property sequence on the map. It is alphabetical which make it a lot of work to add an additional property. The Commission decided to just add new properties to the end of the list, rather than re-numbering each time a property is conserved.

Ken will ask for hard copies for us to look at next month. Ken will correct the names of Meeh and McCullough on the maps and property list.

6. Property Management Projects for the Coming Year

1. Removal of the deteriorating boardwalk at the Riverland Conservation Area.

Bob S has asked the Police Chief if prisoners at the County House of Corrections could do the work. The Chief is bringing it up with Supervisors of the County House of Corrections. There has been no response to date. It is now too late to do the work this winter. Perhaps this coming summer.

2. Removal of rocks from the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area. Ken spoke with John Carr to see if he is willing to take on this project. They will be walking the field once the snow is gone. We are planning on removing the rocks from the site. Perhaps a contractor will take them for their use. If not, we will seek to locate someone willing to accept several loads of large boulders and rocks. Kelly will put a note in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested in the rocks and their removal.

3. Signs at Riverland. The area needs more consistent signage regarding rules, hours open, and a map of the area. We need a volunteer willing to take on this task.

7. Other Business

- A. The saving special places conference is coming up the first week of April.
- B. We were provided with a DES trail maintenance permit by notification issued for Ken Stern to do work on his property.
- C. Bob Steenson mentioned that a request has been submitted for a Class VI road improvement waiver by Mr. McAllister to improve a long section of Ayers Road. There was some discussion about how the lower end of this road has a major stream crossing and the upper end of the road is very steep and ledgy. Some members are planning on viewing the site prior to a formal response from the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm; **Next meeting April 10, In person and remote.**

To Do List:

Kelly:

- Forward nominations to the Selectmen for Ken and Teresa's re-appointment.
- Finalize master plan comments and forward to Planning board and CNHRPC
- Put a note in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested in the rocks being removed from the field at the RSFCA

- Follow up with the Regional Planning Commission for creating a new map of our priority conservation areas

Ken:

- Correct Meeh McCullough names on the conservation lands maps.
- Ask CNHRPC for hard copies of the maps for review at our next meeting (coordinate with Kelly)

Bob S.:

- Follow up with the Police Chief regarding his contact with the Supervisors of the County House of Corrections and possibly having prisoners help with Riverland cleanup.