



Canterbury Conservation Commission Canterbury, NH

Minutes for August 10, 2023

CCC Members Present: Ken Stern, Lance Messinger, Steve Seron, Audra Klumb, Teresa Wyman

Absent: Kelly Short, Bob Steenson

Guests: Harvey Pine and Judith Sears Houston

Public Attending: Joan Michano and John Michano, both from Sherwood Forest Shores Association

Ken chaired the meeting. With a quorum of 5 members present, the meeting began at 7 pm.

New Pond and TMDL Presentation by NH DES

The meeting began with a presentation by Harvey Pine with support by Judith Sears Houston. Harvey Pine, Ph. D. is the NHDES TMDL Program Coordinator. Judith Sears Houston, P.E. is the NHDES Water Quality Planning Section Supervisor. Mr. Pine discussed lakes and ponds and how pollutants are evaluated and sampled resulting in a list of Class A, Class B, and Impaired and Threatened Waters. Utilizing this list the NHDES can develop a Total Maximum Daily Load limit for a waterbody and implement controlled point sources via NPDES Permits or manage nonpoint sources through grants and partnerships through voluntary and other programs. New Pond within the Sherwood Forest Community has been identified through sampling as Impaired with several nutrients exceeding water quality standards. The Sherwood Forest Shores Association is interested in working with NHDES on how they might lower the nutrient loading and remove the pond from the list of impaired and threatened waters. NHDES indicated that there may be Grants and/or other funding available to assess and or address nutrient loading issues within the lake and the watershed above.

Minutes of July 13, 2023 meeting.

Lance Messinger moved to accept the minutes. Steve Seron seconded. All voted in favor of the corrected minutes.

Master Plan update.

The CCC discussed the email Kelly sent from the Ag Commission and their requested changes to the Master Plan. The majority of the changes were agreed to by the CCC.

- The CCC agreed with the Ag Commission to change the word *restrict* to *discourage* development on good agricultural land within, M.P. Section 8.11 Objective 3, #1.
- The CCC was not in favor of changing the status of the Class 6 roads in Canterbury. The CCC agreed that Opening Class 6 roads would not be compatible with our conservation goals.

Property Management

Kimball Pond

The large pine tree removal between the Martins and Kimball Pond is getting ready to begin. The work will be completed by Magoon Tree Service.

32 **Robert S. Fife Conservation Area (RSFCA)**

33 Ken is awaiting a quote for the perimeter mowing of the field, which would be in addition to the ½ field
34 mowing that is conducted every year. As discussed last month, ½ of the field is mowed each year. The
35 CCC felt that if the perimeter of the field was mowed in addition to the ½, that might slow the growth
36 and advancement of the invasive species on the property.

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38 **Riverland Conservation Area**

39 The area surrounding the parking lot as well as the path to the river has been mowed. This successfully
40 moved back the hedge of invasive growth which was encroaching. Some areas are in a rough cut stage
41 and could use additional hand trimming/pruning. The CCC will discuss a work party at the September
42 meeting.

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45 **DES Permits:**

46 None were available to review at the time of the Meeting. Ken will check the mailbox early the following
47 week.

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49 **Other Business**

- 50 • Ken attended an *All Boards Meeting*, which included discussion of Class 6 roads and affordable
51 housing. Ken mentioned conservation priorities and co-occurrence mapping that the CCC has
52 been working on.
- 53 • Ken reported that the Surveyors are now in process of doing the boundary survey for the
54 Deepwood Forest conservation property.
- 55 • Ken reported that the Selectboard have agreed to accept the Sandra Bowden 30 acre parcel
56 located on Route 106, near the Speedway.
- 57 • CCC discussed other conservation priorities that we should be considering for the future and
58 their funding sources, including the large parcel near Shaker Village.

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60 Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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63 Minutes submitted by Audra Klumb, with note taking assistance of Teresa Wyman.