



# Canterbury Conservation Commission

Canterbury, NH

**Final MINTUES of January 12, 2023**

**Present:** Bob Fife, Audra Klumb, Steve Seron, Teresa Wyman, Ken Stern, Kelly Short.

**Absent:** Bob Steenson.

Kelly chaired the meeting. Kelly was in the meeting house. Everyone else attended by zoom.

Agenda items were taken in the following order:

## **1. Approval of minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting.**

Upon motion by Audra, seconded by Ken the minutes were approved as amended

## **2. Membership and terms.**

The membership was affirmed with 7 voting members and no alternates. Opportunities to invite new members were discussed. A few names were offered and members will follow up. We will place a note in the newsletter and town email.

## **3. Control of invasive plants.**

The commission discussed the next steps toward controlling the invasives at the Riverland Conservation Area parking lot. The commission is interested in pursuing a pilot project with Doug Cygan. Kelly will ask Doug for an estimate of costs for chemical control. She will also mention this to the selectmen. We will need to move the boulders in advance of any treatment. Kelly will ask around for a local contractor who may give us a better price. Later in the meeting Audra reported on the status of the invasives in the RSFCA fields.

## **4. Deepwood Forest conservation easement public hearing.**

In anticipation of providing funding for conservation of this 400 acre property, the Commission will be holding a public hearing. The February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was suggested. Kelly will confirm the need to have a quorum in person. Members were asked to plan on attending in person to avoid any complications. This hearing will require 2 weeks notice. Leah Hart from the SPNHF will be present to explain the project and answer questions.

## **5. Master Plan**

Kelly attended a meeting of the Planning Board to participate in the discussion about the ongoing update of the Master Plan. Kelly reported on three topics which were reviewed. 1) Discontinued Roads, 2) The name of the Ag/Conservation zone, which will remain as it is. 3) confirming that the CCC comments on Chapters 5 and 6 were forwarded to the Regional Planning Commission.

The Planning Board is anticipating receiving a draft update of the master plan from the Regional Planning Commission.

**6. Conservation property priority process discussion.**

Kelly shared the list of potential natural resources professionals and others with deep knowledge of Canterbury's natural resources. The list now includes 27 people. Email contact information is still needed for several people. An email will be sent soliciting their input sometime in February.

**7. CCC report for the Town Report.**

Ken pulled together a list of our significant efforts and accomplishments in 2022. Kelly will be compiling this into a report to be published in the Town Report.

**8. Easement monitoring reports for 2022**

Ken reported that he had reviewed Chris Kane's easement monitoring reports on properties where the Town holds conservation easements. There were no significant issues to report. We need to confirm ownership of the Ruesswick/Cook easement off Intervale Road.

**9. On-line Conservation Maps.**

Kelly reported on new and improved map presentation of our natural resources by the Regional Planning Commission. She then showed the new improved interactive mapping tool. We can now toggle on and off the various data layers. She sent the link to commission members.

**7. Other business.**

Audra reported going to the RSFCA in anticipation of a work day to cut back the invasives. The work day did not materialize. Audra reported on the abundance of invasives. Kelly explained our management approach of mowing half of the field each year to provide a diversity of habitat. Kelly also reported seeing two very large flocks of turkeys in the field recently. No progress had been made in removing the piles of large rocks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Stern.