

FINAL

Canterbury Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2021

Members Present by Phone or Zoom: Kelly Short (Moderator), Ken Stern (Acting Chair), Teresa Wyman, Bob Fife, Linda Fife, Steve Seron, Sara Riordan
Members Absent: Chris Blair, Bob Steenson, and Ashley Ruprecht
Kelly opened the meeting at about 7 pm.

1 Meeting Minutes

January 2021 Minutes:

Kelly made several suggested edits, which Ken recorded. Ken moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Linda seconded, Minutes approved unanimously.

Ken clarified that he will ask Lois Scribner to post these minutes on the town website.

2 Items to review or discuss

2.1 Sawyer's Ferry Forest timber harvest update

Ken reported that the gross revenue from the harvest is \$30,452 with a net revenue of \$24,451 after paying the Forester's fee of roughly \$6000. The revenue is greater than expected due to the fact that the logger was able to find a market for smaller diameter wood and there was some additional wood cut.

2.2 Boles/Morning Dove property, Ames Rd.

Kelly gave an update on the interest of a couple in purchasing the property for a single family home and to protect the remainder from development. The interested buyers must obtain a waiver for building on a Class VI road. The last discussion Kelly had with Bob Steenson indicated that the possibility of approval is good although not a given at this time. This is a desirable option for the property for ecological reasons.

2.3 Conservation Commission Membership

Kelly reviewed the annual procedure for addressing membership. Prior to the pandemic, the March meeting would include discussion of potential new members to recommend to the Select Board. At the April Meeting officers would be elected.

Steve Seron's term expires in 2021 Steve Seron agrees to continue on the board. Ken moved to recommend that the Selectmen appoint Steve for another 3-year term; Kelly seconds; Commission voted to recommend Steve to the Select Board for an additional term

Kelly and Bob Fife just renewed. Ken Stern's term expires in 2022
Sara Riordan was sworn in as an alternate in December 2020.

Kelly will send a notice to the town email inviting anyone interested in joining the CC to contact Kelly. Kelly suggested that each of us think about someone in town who is interested in conservation and ask them if they know anyone who might be interested in joining the commission so as to take the pressure off that individual but perhaps learn of others who are interested.

Current positions:

Ken is the Acting chair; Kelly is Treasurer; The Secretary position is not filled; Vice chair position is not filled; If anyone is interested in any positions filled or not please let Kelly know.

2.4 Permits

In early January, we were informed that a *Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification* was awarded to Roger Klose on Clough Pond Road.

Forester Dylan McGuffin received approval for a variance on the Klose property to remove more than the usual allowable 50% basal area due to “wind throw risk and silvicultural strategy”. The variance grants Mr. McGuffin permission to remove all of the white pine within the buffer zone.

2.5 RSFCA rock removal project

Discussion continued about removing two specific piles of rock on the RSFCA for better mowing. Neighbor Harry Kinter is concerned that the one rock collection on the dip in the drive in may be a cellar hole. At our request, Mark Stevens did some research in the *Lyford's History of Canterbury*, which includes maps showing where houses were located in the past. Mark cross-referenced dwellings documented in *Lyford's* with existing cellar holes along Kimball pond road and none of the documented houses existed in the field; Kelly suggested talking with Harry K. in more detail to see if he has more information.

One of the piles of rocks has turned into an invasive species island with trees growing in it. Ken suggests checking with historical commission to see if they have any concerns about it. Kelly suggested that if it is of historical significance it would require an effort to clean it up so the weeds don't overtake it and this should be an obligation fo the historical commission. Bob Fife feels that we should leave it alone for now.

Linda Fife offered to talk with Harry Kinter to see what else he knows about a possible cellar hole on the property. Kelly will send Linda an email summarizing what she learned from Mark Stevens before Linda speaks with Harry Kinter.

2.6 Glines Conservation Project

Ken has nothing new to report on the project this month. Rich Cook, chair of lands committee at 5RCT is actively working to move the project forward.

3 Other Business

Kelly showed us a picture card from a UNH graduate student thanking us for the opportunity to work on Lois Lane at the Riverland Conservation Area.

A letter was received from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) notifying the Commission that they have monitored the Town owned property on the river, just north of the former bridge to Boscawen, known as the Georgakolis easement Property. There were no major violations and they only found minor trash from summer beach visitors. The two properties that SPNHF monitors in the Kimball Pond area were monitored by air with no indications of issues.

4 Action Items

Completed since last meeting:

- Kelly drafted a letter to planning board regarding the road waiver for the Ames Rd property.
- Kelly sent an email to the Fire Chief about the thin ice on Kimball Pond.

Current Action Items:

Kelly

- Send Ashley the milfoil management plan for Rocky Pond.
- Check with Town Clerk re: date of receipt of the City of Concord NHDES Wetlands Permit for work off Hoit Rd.
- Send CC members an Excel spreadsheet with a list of properties.
- Send Linda Fife a summary of the info received from Mark Stevens re: the rock piles at RSFCA.

Ashley

- Review treatment plan for Rocky pond when Kelly sends it.

Linda

- Speak with Harry Kinter about his knowledge of the possible cellar hole at RSFCS.

Ken

- Ask Lois Scribner to post January minutes on the town website

Next meeting March 8, 2021 by Zoom

Kelly will send the link and post it publicly.