

**Canterbury Conservation Commission**  
**DRAFT MINUTES 11-10-2022**

**Present:** Kelly Short, Ken Stern – co-chairs; Steve Seron; Audra Klumb, Teresa Wyman, Bob Steenson

**Absent:** Bob Fife, Linda Fife

1. **Approval of October Minutes** — Steve motion to approve as drafted; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa. No discussion, Vote: unanimous

**2. Property Management Updates**

Kelly raised the question about seeking additional bids for property management services. Upon discussion Members decided to retain Chris Kane, current provider.

Members discussed removing boulders from the Fife Conservation Area. Kelly sought input for additional resources. Action item: Kelly will contact Kevin Bragg, Steve Cochran and Mark Padula. Audra mentioned a resource for environmentally friendly use of goats to remove invasives.

**3. Canterbury Trails Committee**

Members feel a Trails Committee should be formed as the CCC lacks resources to adequately maintain all the trails in town. A resident of Boscawen recently walked all the trails in Canterbury and reported on conditions. Discussion ensued about land and maintenance issues, the need for land owner coordination, town support for such a committee and whether it should be stand-alone or a subcommittee of the CCC. Member preference is for a stand-alone trails committee. Next steps include reaching out to Loudon and Hopkinton Trails Committees for guidance on structure, scope and mandate, how they approach maintenance, budget and the concept of individual Trail Stewards. Teresa will reach out to Loudon; Ken will check with Hopkinton. Review next meeting.

**4. Conservation Property Priority Process**

Map updates from the August review completed by CNHRPC. Kelly will send link for member review. Next steps include co-occurrence map work by members of the CCC and to seek broader input from the community. Kelly will create a Google Sheet for contact info; members to populate with suggested participants to take surveys and assist the CCC. Ideal participants are resource professionals in town. Send suggestions to Ken before Thanksgiving. Next meeting work out how to proceed.

**5. Permits**

No open items.

**6. Managing Invasives on CCC properties**

Discussion of adding appropriate chemical treatments as “person-powered” efforts

are not keeping up. It was noted that Concord CC is accepting of chemical treatment in selected areas along with mechanical removal. Chris Kane in remarking on the problems at Riverland is advocating for additional measures.

Next steps: possible public info meeting/presentation on current best practices. Kelly will reach out to Chris Kane and Doug Cygan at NH Dept of Agriculture.

**7. Other Business**

Organize a workday to clean up the circle of invasives at the entrance to Fife Conservation Area? Consensus yes, clean up now and evaluate early season growth for possible action by Fieldworks.

Steve Seron discussed possibility of support for Clough Pond Association's volunteer boat monitoring program. More information is needed about these efforts. Steve to check further.

Ken notes that Kimball Pond is getting weedy and suggested it is time to do water samples. Members agreed, next actions not clearly determined.

Deep Woods Project update: awaiting assessments from the Forest Society.

McAlister Property on Ayers Rd: perhaps time to approach the owners about conservation. Bob to pull owner info from tax card.

**8. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 8:15pm. All in favor.**

Minutes by Bob Steenson