

Canterbury Conservation Commission
MINUTES 2-13-17

Present: Kelly Short, chair; Tom Osmer, vice chair; Jon Nute, treasurer; Ken Stern, Steve Seron; Charlie Krautmann, Bob Steenson, Chris Blair, Linda Fife, Teresa Wyman

Absent: Jennifer Taylor, Bob Fife, Faith Berry

1. **Permits** — none were received

2. Kimball Pond - Fife Conservation Area

Members discussed management plan proposals received from Ecosystem Management Co. and from FORECO, as well as an NRI proposal from Chris Kane. Both forest management companies are well respected and they provided very similar proposals. Some discussion focused on whether it's important / preferable to approach assessment and planning for all properties in the same way. Bob Steenson and Kelly mentioned management issues (invasive plants, maintaining the view, recreation potential) that make a management plan a high priority for this property.

Discussion of overlap and differences between NRIs and land management plan led to a preference (for this property) to do the land management plan first because a general resource inventory is part of the plan, and to augment with specific natural resource studies if needed. Kelly will request sample plans from both forest management companies that members will discuss at March meeting and make final decision.

Tom reminded us of the need to mark boundaries and prepare forest management plans for other properties.

3. Roadside Clean-up day, April 22

Kelly reported that Patrice Raische requested that the Conservation Commission be the official sponsor of the annual roadside clean-up, not that the Recycling Committee has disbanded. Patrice said she will manage the project as in the past and no specific action is needed from the CC. Kelly agreed so that Patrice could proceed with planning. Members concurred with sponsoring the event.

4. Schoodac area trail work day

Charlie Krautmann has brushed out the Spender Meadow Trail to enable volunteers to follow it and further clear the trail. A work day was set for Saturday, April 25 at 12:30, to go for 2 hours (or longer if workers are motivated and needed). Charlie and Bob will bring chainsaws. Other members will bring hand tools. Tom Osmer will scout for the best parking place. Kelly will announce via town email list to invite others to participate. Ken Stern will provide more trail markers.

Charlie reported that landowner Jim Carter has given his permission for the CC to

45 clear the established trail on the east side of Morrill Pond. Charlie will check with NH
46 Fish & Game, which holds the conservation easement on the property, and will get
47 any necessary permits.

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49 **5. Easement Monitoring and mini NRIs**

50 Kelly will ask Chris Kane to propose schedule for conservation easement monitoring
51 that fits within CC annual budget and will combine properties that must be
52 monitored annually with an alternating schedule for those that do not need to be
53 done annually. Kelly will also request that Chris develop and implement a simple
54 survey to landowners of properties that are not being monitored annually. Kelly will
55 also ask Chris for contract to prepare mini NRIs for Briar Bush Rd Town Forest (20
56 acres/ \$300) and Hannah Moore lot (25 acres \$350); and will let him know decision
57 is pending on Kimball/Fife CA.

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59 **6. Sign repair for Kimball Pond**

60 Tom said he looked at the Kimball Pond sign and the wood is rotting in some places.
61 Bob Fife will take down the existing sign and Tom will make a new one in the
62 spring/summer.

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64 **7. Approve Minutes from January 2017 meeting**

65 Steve Seron moved acceptance of the Jan. 2017 minutes and Linda Fife seconded.
66 No further discussion. All voted in favor except one abstention who was not present
67 at the Jan. meeting.

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69 **8. Other business**

70 Bob Steenson suggested we request being cc'd on all Intents to Cut filed with the
71 town so that we will be aware if any abutters to town property plan to cut. Kelly will
72 ask Town Administrator Ken Folsom to request that Town Assessor Mandy Irving
73 send copies to the CC.

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75 Minutes by Kelly Short