

1 **Canterbury Conservation Commission**
2 **Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2017**
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4 *Present:* Kelly Short, chair; Jon Nute, Treasurer; Steve Seron, Bob Steenson, Chris
5 Blair, Teresa Wyman, Linda Fife, Charlie Krautmann
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7 *Absent:* Tom Osmer, Jen Taylor, Bob Fife, Ken Stern, Faith Berry
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9 **Permits** – none received
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11 **Town Meeting** – After discussion, consensus was that there's no need to have an
12 information table at Town Meeting.
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14 **Feb. 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Bob Steenson moved acceptance of the minutes; Chris
15 Blair seconded the motion. No further discussion or corrections. All voted in favor of
16 accepting the minutes.
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18 **Management Plan for Kimball/Fife Conservation Areas**

19 Members discussed the proposals and sample land management plans from
20 FORECO and The Ecosystem Management Company (EMC). The proposals were
21 comparable in scope, price and timing. Both firms have very good reputations and
22 experience working with communities. The sample plan submitted by EMC
23 contained more detail than the FORECO plan. Discussion included that we might
24 need an abstract or executive summary if we choose EMC and our plan contains the
25 level of detail that is in their sample report, and also that we could potentially
26 choose the other company for a future project and later compare experiences and
27 results. Bob Steenson moved that the commission select Ecosystem Management
28 Company to prepare a land management plan for the Kimball/Fife Conservation
29 Areas and authorize the chair to execute an agreement for the work. Linda Fife
30 seconded. No further discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.
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32 **Member elections:**

33 Kelly reminded members that at the April meeting we will vote on members (new
34 and renewing) to recommend to the Selectmen for appointment. She asked that any
35 Alternates who would like to become Voting members to let her know by April 1.
36 The commission has currently has one open Alternate seat.
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38 **Trail work**

39 Earlier trail work day in the Schoodac Area was postponed until March 19. Charlie
40 Krautmann has flagged the trail. His goal is for us to widen the path and clear a view
41 spot at the trail's end.
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43 **Other**

44 Members discussed general land management options for town-owned properties.
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46 **Next meeting:** April 10, 7 pm, Meeting House