

1 Final minutes

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3 Canterbury Conservation Commission
4 Meeting MAY 10, 2021, Via Zoom
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6 Members Present:

7 Kelly Short (Moderator), Ken Stern (Chair), Steve Seron, Teresa Wyman,
8 Sara Riordan, Ashley Ruprecht
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10 Absent: Bob and Linda Fife, Bob Steenson
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12 Kelly Short opened the meeting at 7.01 pm.
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14 Agenda:
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16 1. Previous Minutes
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18 Steve Seron moved the Minutes of April 12. Ken Stern seconded. Sara
19 Riordan noted that at line 138 it should read “greater pool of resources”. All
20 members were in favor and the motion carried.
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22 2. Items to review or discuss
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24 · Sawyers Ferry Clean-up
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26 This had been remarkably successful. Ken had shared information earlier
27 by email. Diane Clough had 15 people turn up to work with her and they
28 took 33 bags to the Dump. They also removed a TV, a washing machine
29 and a toilet. **Kelly had asked for pictures to send to the Canterbury**
30 **Newsletter but would write a summary about the clean-up anyway.**
31 Ken suggested the CCC might do a walk out there to see the clean-up and
32 the timber harvesting. No payment was needed. Ken Folsom had let the
33 Dump know that trash was coming from this conservation site.
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35 · Conservation property priority process
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37 Kelly shared the results from 7 returned surveys. There had been a con-
38 sensus to use their own Canterbury Co-occurrence Map and also the Merri-
39 mack River Conservation map. 2 more surveys are awaited.
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There was discussion about the results so far. The scoring process is not meant to be absolute but would be a means to sift, sort and prioritize and provide a starting point in decision making in the future. It was agreed that other factors such as the type, size, and cost of the parcel, the availability of financial partners, and potential educational and/or community support were all important factors too.

Kelly would make some minor changes following the discussion and wait for the final 2 surveys.

· Planning Board wetlands setback and impervious surfaces

Ashley will attend the next Planning Board meeting to share information about wetlands ordinances and bring further questions back to the CCC for discussion. Members expressed interest and support for the idea of an ordinance to protect wetlands. Since the specifics of an ordinance can vary widely, it would be helpful for further discussion to know if the Planning Board has specific goals or concerns they would like to address through an ordinance. The discussion touched on the question of enforcement as well as what the roles are of the various town boards and building inspector in knowing when a proposed building project would potentially impact a wetland. DES is typically involved for septic permits and/or driveways.

Ashely was intending to participate in the Planning Board meeting remotely due to other work commitments. Teresa offered to participate too. The Commission thanked Ashely for making time to do this.

Kelly asked Sara, as CCC secretary, to compile the contact information for all the CCC members with their email and phone contacts, and send it out to each of them.

· Permits - intent to cut

Ken reported there was nothing to report except that Mark Stevens submitted an intent to cut on his new property.

· Potential conservation project in town

Kelly had emailed the landowner and begun discussion. The Commission agreed that they should let the owner know that they have limited funds for

80 a potential project and are interested in limiting development on the par-
81 cels. The CCC would await the owner's response.

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83 · Glines easement project

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85 The Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved a grant to
86 fix the problem of the cows in the drainage ditch.

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88 · Other business

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90 There was no other business. Kelly made motion to adjourn at 8.38 pm.

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92 Next meeting: June 14, 7 pm. Location/remote option TBD.

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94 Respectfully submitted,
95 Lois Scribner.