

1 Final Minutes

2 CANTERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

3 November 8, 2021, Meeting House, 7 pm

4 Members Present

5 Kelly Short (Moderator), Steve Seron,

6 Members attending remotely

7 Ken Stern (Chair), Sara Riordan

8 Members Absent

9 Robert and Linda Fife, Asheley Ruprecht, Teresa Wyman, Bob Steenson (BOS rep)

10 Agenda

11 1. Approve prior meeting Minutes.

12 Ken moved to accept the Minutes of October 19, 2021. Steve and Sara seconded.
13 There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

14 2. Master Plan Discussions

15 Master Plan and CCC priorities

16 Kelly shared she was excited about the Master Plan and the process of preparing
17 it. She had sent an email that afternoon with the summary from the Regional
18 Planning Office. She also sent a conservation document from the UNH Community
19 Extension for members to think about.

20 It was noted that the issue of climate change was not mentioned in the last
21 Master Plan. Perhaps the term 'climate resilience' would convey the importance
22 of being prepared for any climate challenges. In Canterbury the water quality of
23 the wetlands is important and something that residents would appreciate. It is
24 recommended on the UNH document that conservation commissions have the
25 issue incorporated into municipal documents.

26 Kelly had reviewed results of the town survey and the Master Plan and noted:

- the need to update consistency of place names in town
- the recognition by survey respondents (over 200 total) that conservation priorities were important to them
- some graphs and lists are very detailed. Kelly will ask the Regional Planning office if they have done any synthesis of these data.
- the need for one list of conserved town properties with cross referencing as needed, rather than having two lists in the Master Plan
- adding conservation maps – which one/s to be determined
- adding agricultural details given the increase in the number of farms in town
- reading the two chapters on Land Use, which the CCC had contributed to last time, and where the issue of climate change/resilience could be included as a ‘new concern’
- the need to resolve how the town wants to manage trail building and maintenance since trail maintenance and access was a priority for many of the respondents (69 people). May be a topic to discuss with BOS and individuals already engaged in trails research.
- CC should have suggested including “conservation” in the question about what residents hold as priorities for spending tax money.

Therefore, **Kelly is asking all CCC members to do some homework – read Chapters 5 and 6 in particular – think about the questions Mike Tardiff left with them (how the Master Plan and its process can help with CCC priorities) and what needs updating or adding. To that end, Kelly will take the maps to the Elkins Public Library and ask the librarians to make these accessible to CCC members in a small room, so that members can mark up the maps and add points on sticky notes.** Kelly will also send the online version again in case others prefer to look at them in digital form. The goal of this work is to better prepare the CCC for presenting their priorities as and when the Regional Planning Office, Planning Board and other commissions are able to organize a larger public participation event.

3. Items to Review or Discuss

- Conservation Property Priority Process

Kelly had no time to prepare the new survey since the last meeting a couple of weeks ago. **She will send it out when she can, with instructions as to how to use the points each member will have.**

4. Other Business

- New members needed

The CCC can have 7 members and 7 alternates. Currently they have 2 alternates (Sara and Ashley). Ken and Kelly will check with member whose terms are expiring to see if they want to be nominated to serve another term. Kelly will prepare a piece for both the town Newsletter and town email list giving information about the CCC and asking for residents to express their interest. Jim Miller expressed interest in joining in the future. **Members are encouraged to think and ask acquaintances about possible nominations.**

- Glines Conservation Project

Ken reported that it is hoped this project will be closing this fiscal year. **Kelly will be in touch with Liz Short, executive director of 5 Rivers.**

- Kimball Pond Dam area

It was noted this area has been mowed.

- 2022 Budget

Kelly turned in the proposed Budget for 2022.

- Adjournment

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday December 13, 7 pm, Meeting House and remote access.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Scribner.