

1        **DRAFT MINUTES, CANTERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

2                    **MEETING HOUSE, October 19, 2021, 7 PM**

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4        **Members Present**

5        Kelly Short (Chair), Ken Stern (Co-Chair), Steve Seron, Teresa Wyman,  
6        Linda Fife, Bob Steenson (BOS rep)

7        **Members Absent**

8        Sara Riordan, Ashley Ruprecht, Robert Fife

9        **Guests present**

10       Mike Tardiff (Executive Director Central NH Regional Planning  
11       Commission) and Matt Baronas, CNHRPC staff

12       **Agenda**

13            **1. Approve prior Minutes**

14            Ken moved minutes of July 12, 2021. Steve seconded. The  
15            Minutes were carried as all members present voted aye.

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17            **2. Meeting with Central NH Regional Planning Commission**

18            Mike Tardiff and Matt Baronas were introduced to the  
19            Commission members who then introduced themselves.

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21            Related to the Master Planning process, Mike explained that the  
22            idea of having in-person visioning sessions organized with the  
23            Planning Board had been set aside because of the pandemic. The  
24            CNHRPC were taking their outreach to smaller groups in town,  
25            and had met with the Planning Board, CCC tonight and tomorrow  
26            the Historic District Commission. Their office saw Master Plans as  
27            tools for all commissions in town. He still hoped that in January or

28 February they might be able to revive the idea of wider in-person  
29 public participation. The questions he wanted to ask of the CCC  
30 was how can the Master Plan help the CCC with its work and  
31 priorities? What issues did the CCC want to see in the document?  
32 He noted the Master Planning process can be a good opportunity  
33 to make connections with other towns (ex. with Loudon on the  
34 issue of trails).

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36 Matt talked about the online mapping software they were using  
37 to create “story maps.” The GIS-based software allows for  
38 zooming in and viewing data and for overlaying maps with one  
39 another. Matt and Mike had prepared a number of maps to leave  
40 with the CCC members. They asked for members to mark them up  
41 with the local knowledge that was not necessarily available to  
42 them through public information. These maps covered different  
43 categories, including soils, agricultural land, land use (with some  
44 businesses and institutions like schools that needs updating),  
45 wetlands, and ‘developmental constraints’.

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47 There was some discussion about the characteristics of land that  
48 have historically limited development (due to wetlands, steep  
49 slopes and ledge) in Canterbury. It was noted that the lack of a  
50 public water supply and sewer system are limiting factors in  
51 housing development. Kelly asked that the various maps be  
52 shown with the town’s zoning districts overlaid upon them.

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54 In terms of overall process towards the Master Plan Mike said this  
55 was the tail end of Phase 1. They had survey and other data  
56 available and that phase would close with data from public  
57 participation. Phase 2 would involve putting together the

58 information acquired from public visioning sessions. If that was  
59 impossible because of Covid, then reach out to smaller groups like  
60 the PTO and seek views from residents. In the final resort, they  
61 could use technology in the spring if needed. It might even attract  
62 more people.

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64 There was further discussion about the coloring used on the  
65 various maps. Computer monitor versions do not always  
66 correspond to the printed version. It was suggested that to  
67 delineate topographic elevation contours in yellow or gold so they  
68 are visible in areas colored gray. On the land use map, it can be  
69 confusing to see blank areas on the maps as these are actually  
70 forested areas.

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72 Mike agreed to send the survey results online and their office  
73 would supply the links to town story maps. They could come back  
74 with paper versions too.

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76 Bob asked for percentages of the different zoning districts in  
77 town, and how many acres were in each.

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79 There was some discussion about the CNHRPC work with other  
80 towns in terms of trail maintenance and discovery. Some towns  
81 have Trails Committees. The Master Plan might show the need for  
82 something similar in Canterbury.

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84 Kelly thanked Mike and Matt for attending and bringing the maps  
85 for them to work on. They left the meeting.

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87 Members discussed the logistics of making these maps available  
88 in a safe manner for them to mark up. Members can access the  
89 maps online – the CNHRPC office can offer support if needed –  
90 and then perhaps for the next meeting the maps can be laid out in  
91 the Meeting House, spaced out on tables, for marking up.

### 92 93 **3. Items to discuss or review**

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- 95 (i) Conservation property priority process update:  
96 Ken and Kelly had talked to Emily Preston. Emily had given  
97 suggestions for a new survey of members' conservation  
98 priorities. Kelly will try to get this new survey out soon.  
99 Members will be given 100 points to assign how they  
100 choose, and the list of elements will be limited to a solely  
101 ecological resources . Emily had suggested that there be a  
102 second group of Canterbury residents who could take the  
103 survey, those who had natural resource backgrounds. Teresa  
104 wondered if a third group could be included, those who  
105 might not have professional training but had a land use  
106 experience from their working lives. Emily will also confirm  
107 that the newest version of the NHF&G Wildlife Action maps  
108 are available. Ideally these CCC surveys will be done by the  
109 next meeting which is less than 3 weeks away, scheduled for  
110 November 8.

### 111 112 113 **4. Other Business**

- 114 (i) Rocky Pond weed control update:  
115 Members discussed the support currently given (\$1000 per  
116 year) towards the treatment and control of milfoil in the

pond. There is an unrelated issue for some Rocky Pond residents of replacing a culvert under the road which provides access for some homeowners on the pond. The Rocky Pond Association has asked the town to consider increasing its financial contribution. Members decided to maintain the current level of support until the full expenses and income sources for the project were better understood.

(ii) Mowing at Robert S. Fife Conservation Area:

Ken reported that the mowing had been done on the field. He will confirm whether it was done on the dam. If not, CCC needs to determine how to get it mowed. Linda reported from Bob Fife that he and Mark Stevens had repaired the 'beaver deceiver', and Bob had cut brush on the field of Kimball Pond Road. Kelly asked Linda to thank Bob on behalf of the Commission.

(iii) Glines conservation easement project update:  
Nothing new to report.

(iv) Budget Discussion:

Kelly shared a draft budget, recommending that expenses be kept flat with a few exceptions for the next year. It was suggested that the admin support be budgeted at \$800 to reflect 2021 actual costs and the land management might need increasing. The matter of removing old bridges and boardwalks in the nature walk at the Riverland Conservation area was discussed. Possibly that could be done with help from Chief Lebreque accessing prison work teams. Ken suggested August was the best time to do it as the land would be at its most dry. Ken moved that the budget

147 recommending expenditure of \$10,685 be accepted and  
148 Linda seconded. All members present voted aye.

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150 (v) Morrill Road project:

151 Bob reported that the bridge is now complete and looks  
152 good.

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154 (vi) Riverland signage, regarding opening and closing times:

155 Ken reported that resident David Day had called to say it  
156 was past the closing date yet the porta potty was still  
157 accessible and the gates were still open. The signage is  
158 confusing and needs to be made more consistent. The  
159 length of the open season may need to be increased due to  
160 warm weather in May and late October. Action items: Bob S.  
161 will talk to Ken Folsom about removing the porta potty and  
162 getting the gate closed. Ken Stern will lead an effort to get  
163 agreement on new signage in time for next spring.

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165 (vii) Growth in the R.S Fife Conservation area:

166 Kelly noted that there were some parts of the conservation  
167 area in need of clipping back. Members were encouraged to  
168 take a look. It might require a work party to tackle the  
169 overgrown rock pile.

170 Ken moved to adjourn at 9.02 pm. All in favor.

171 Next meeting, Monday November 8, 7 pm, Meeting  
172 House/remote access if required.

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174 Respectfully submitted,  
175 Lois Scribner.

