

1 **Canterbury Conservation Commission**
2 **DRAFT MINUTES 2-8-2024**
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4 **Present:** Kelly Short, Steve Seron; Audra Klumb, Lance Messinger, Bob Steenson,
5 Ken Stern (via video), Theresa Wyman (via video).

6 Meeting opened at 7:05pm.
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- 8 1. **Approval of December Minutes** — Lance motion to approve as drafted; 2nd by
9 Steve. No discussion; Vote: All in favor
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11 **2. Conservation Projects**

- 12 A. Deepwood Project: Easement closed. The CCC extends congratulations and
13 thanks to Ken and Ilene Stern.

14 i. **Action item:** *Ken to advise on timing and communication for town*
15 *commemorative event. Likely early May; Town newsletter notice by*
16 *mid-April.*

17 ii. **Action item:** *CCC to review event planning, determine hike leaders,*
18 *etc..*

- 19 B. Meadowsend Project: Forest Society board approved the project. New
20 appraisal will be required.

21 i. **Action item:** *Ken to follow up with Brian Hotz for updates.*
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23 **3. Conservation Easement Monitoring**

24 A. Future Contractor Bids

25 i. RFP for monitoring written and issued by Kelly & Ken.

26 ii. Replies requested by 2/19. 3 received thus far.

27 iii. Note – Kelly confirms that the town does not require contractor
28 bonding.

29 iv. **Action item:** *Next CCC meeting to review and select vendor.*

30 **4. Property Management**

31 A. Riverland: signage improvement discussion

32 i. Less is more, keep the package simple

33 ii. Acquire and install a kiosk in the parking area for informational
34 signage. Type and source TBD.

35 iii. Signage at the gate and roadway for opening hours and parking
36 information only.

37 iv. CCC to recommend the lot be open from May 15th to Nov 15th.

- 38 v. Kelly to review with Ken Folsom; Highway Dept assistance will be
39 needed on signs and kiosk.
- 40 vi. Discussion regarding hunting, which areas are suitable, which
41 might be posted. General consensus is that remote areas are
42 suitable for hunting but it should be restricted in the areas
43 adjacent to parking, beach and trails. Private landowners can post
44 their own property if desired. **Action items:** *Kelly to discuss with*
45 *Lucy Nicols and David Day; Kelly to research safety zone*
46 *requirements and seek info from NH Fish & Game.*
- 47 vii. There is a need for detailed maps of the property. **Action item:**
48 *Ken will renew the request to CNHRPC for updated maps*
- 49 B. Riverland brush control: Work session required. Tentatively selected
50 March 20th at 5:00pm for Kelly and Audra to scout the land and
51 determine scope. April 6 or 13 potential work dates. **Action item:** *Kelly*
52 *to circulate dates/times.*
- 53 C. Fife Conservation Area: Brush trimming work party on April 27 at
54 9:00am. Kelly to invite Bob Fife.
- 55 D. Kimball Pond: Need to replace the “Beaver Deceiver”. **Action item:** *Ken*
56 *to consult with Bob F. and Tom Osmer who installed the original device.*

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58 5. **Permits**

59 No open items.

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61 6. **Officers and Membership**

62 A. March meeting officer discussion; vote at April meeting.

63 B. Discussion of potential new members.

64 7. **Web Site:**

65 A. Lance discussed initial steps regarding functionality, removing non-
66 applicable menu items and making sure minutes and agendas are
67 updated.

68 B. CCC discussed which of the master plan maps might be made available on
69 the website. Concern was expressed over differentiating public access
70 conservation areas from easements on private land. It was generally
71 agreed that the conservation priority maps still need work and aren't
72 ready for general release. Additional conservation project if Shaker
73 Village does not proceed – Sumner suggested contacting Bob DiBerto
74 about Barnett Road parcels contiguous to other conserved land.

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77 **8. Other Business**

78 A. Discussion regarding trails committee formation, structure and
79 administration. General consensus from the select board is it should be a
80 sub-committee of the CCC. Next steps include soliciting interest,
81 determining size and voting membership, identifying potential trail
82 stewards. Sumner updated the CCC on a pending USDA Wetland Reserve
83 Conservation Easement on his Forest Pond property. Kelly inquired if the
84 easement will allow or require public access. Sumner noted there will be
85 some limited public access with areas around the pond posted.

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87 **9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 8:51pm. All in favor.**

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89 Minutes by Bob Steenson