

1 Canterbury Conservation Commission

2 Canterbury, NH

3 DRAFT Minutes of Meeting: December 12, 2024

4 **Members Present:** Kelly Short, Audra Klumb, Steve Seron, Teresa Wyman, Lance Messinger, Beth Blair
5 (BOS Rep); Ken Stern attended via video conference.

6 **Members Absent:** Charlie Comey and Bob Steenson

7 Kelly chaired the meeting and it was called to order at 7:00 PM. Kelly informed members that during a
8 time of staff transition during the fall, Minutes and Agendas were not posted on the website as
9 requested. Kelly will follow up with town staff to make sure past and future meeting notes will be
10 posted.

11 1. **Minutes:** Kelly requested approval of November 14, 2024 Minutes. Steve Seron moved that the
12 Minutes be accepted and Audra Klumb seconded. There were no changes and the minutes were
13 approved.

14
15 2. **Class VI Road Waiver:** The Board of Selectmen requested input from the Conservation
16 Commission in regard to a request for a Class VI road waiver for Snowshoe Hill Rd. Bob
17 Steenson walked the road with the Planning Board and shared his observations with the
18 Commission. Members reviewed data from NH Fish & Game and wetlands data available on
19 GRANIT to further understand the resources and condition of the area. Snowshoe Hill Rd runs
20 through an area of 3,700 unfragmented acres, has habitat ranked Highest in State and Highest in
21 Region, and has significant wetlands. There was concern that the steepness of the roadway
22 could lead to erosion if the road were improved. Members agreed unanimously to recommend
23 to the Select Board that the road waiver should not be granted.

24
25 **3. Property Management:**

- 26 a. Kelly reported no new information regarding signage for the Riverlands at this time.
27 b. The mowing has been completed at Riverlands and Robert Fife Conservation area. Kelly
28 thanked everyone for volunteering to remove the invasive species from these properties.
29 Lance reported that he spread the small amount of winter rye in the bare spots of
30 Riverlands.
31 c. Kelly was hopeful that we could remove some of the brush at the Fife Conservation area if
32 there is a warm weekend day after the New Year.

33
34 **4. Permits:** No requests for permits were received this month

35
36 **5. Easement Monitoring:**

37 Ken reported that he was very pleased with the easement monitoring reports by our contracted
38 easement monitors, Emily Landry and Pete Helm, and thanked them. Kelly mentioned that there

39 will be a new house on a privately owned lot near the Riverlands. Monitoring revealed that two
40 relatively new landowners did not realize their property included a conservation easement. Ken
41 suggested that some CCC reps should meet with these landowners to build familiarity with the
42 easement and answer their questions.

43
44 6. **Dropbox Access:** All members of the committee failed to receive Dropbox links that Kelly sent.
45 She will resend to allow us to upload photographs of Conservation sites and to access other
46 conservation information.

47
48 7. **Conservation Projects:** The Conservation Commission discussed potential conservation projects.
49 Members are asked to recommend 2 priorities each for landowner outreach.

50
51 8. **Website Update:** Kelly had shared an outline for CCC website improvements at the last
52 meeting. She will share the info with Kal, who is in charge of the project.

53
54 9. **Other Business:** No other business.

55
56 Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

57 Respectfully submitted by Lance Messinger

58

59

60

61

62