

Canterbury Conservation Commission

Canterbury, NH

Minutes of Meeting: March 13, 2025

Members Present: Bob Steenson (acting chairperson), Audra Klumb, Steve Seron, Theresa Wyman, Lance Messinger, Charlie Comey (alternate), Beth Blair (BOS Rep) and Ken Stern attended via video conference.

Members Absent: Kelly Short

Bob chaired the meeting and it was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Minutes:** Bob requested approval of January 9, 2025 Minutes. The Motion to accept the minutes was approved by Steve Seron and seconded by Audra Klumb. There were no changes and the minutes were approved.
2. **Property Management:**
 - a. **Bench at Schoodac-** Bob and Kelly visited the Schoodac Conservation Area in January to review placement of bench that will be donated by Beth Blair. They found a suitable site which previously had a log bench. They cleared some young growth. Additional clearing could be used on the encroaching hemlock trees. There was agreement to have a work day to place the bench and do some more clearing. Some gravel may be needed to level up the site of the bench. Ken suggested that he has a UTV which he offered to help move material and equipment to the site. A date was not set but early June was suggested.
 - b. **Footbridge at Kimball Pond Dam-** Lance shared plans for a foot bridge over the outlet spillway that were drawn by John Messick from the Loudon Conservation Commission in August 2022 after visiting the Kimball Pond site. It was suggested that we contact Belletetes in Concord about possible discount for materials. Lance agreed to take care of this task and it is estimated that the cost of materials should be about \$500. We will need to organize a work party and hopefully can complete the project in April
3. **Permits:** No permits at this time
4. **Conservation Projects:** Bob reports that he still needs to review the letter from Ken that will be sent to prospective land owners for possible conservation easements. Other members of CCC will also make inquiries to prospective land owners whom the commission voted to prioritize. Ken reported that updates to the Conservation maps for Canterbury have been made by the NH Regional Planning Commission. We should discuss updating our conservation priority maps with the new data.
5. **Membership:** Bob asked Audra and Theresa if they are willing to continue serving on the CCC and they replied affirmatively. Ken also agreed to stay on the CCC, but is not able to remain

chairperson due to term limits. Bob also elicited suggestions about obtaining new members and some members stated they will explore possible candidates. Elections will be held next month.

6. **SB55-LUCT changes discussion:** The bill was voted on in the legislative committee and it was determined that it was Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL), which was recommended by the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. This bill would have provided temporary exemptions from the land use change tax for qualifying projects.
7. **Other Business-**Steve Seron discussed that he will be accompanying Fish and Game Personnel to Forest Pond Brook to conduct a study on the population of Brook Trout.
8. Ken discussed a new memo from Kathleen McCay (Kal) about Right to Know Training, which is being held on April 17th at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Apparently it is mandatory if you are appointed by the Selectboard and Strongly Encouraged if you are member of a committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lance Messinger