

# Canaan Conservation Commission

## Minutes

April 5, 2021

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Thomas Oppel, Cody Hussey, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister

Absent: Noel Everts

### Minutes

Alice moved we accept the March minutes, Cody seconded the motion, all approved.

### The Kate Brooks Memorial

To date, the CCC has received over \$2,900

We previously discussed doing something larger in celebration of Kate and asked Dave for more information regarding the community center. There are still some hurdles and there is no specific plan yet. It could be possibly two years before the center is realized.

The CCC agrees that Kate should be recognized sooner rather than later, and that we should proceed with the original tree idea. Dave has spoken to a number of townfolks regarding the tree and there is widespread support for having a permanent tree.

Elizabeth to reach out to Gardeners' supply to discuss what trees they have available and cost.

### CCC: Land conservation Goals and discussion

Bill put together a quick list of properties he thought looked well placed for conservation. In most cases, they border already conserved lands, or are on the western end of town near the corridor that is already conserved. Also, none of these properties have structures.

Cody was put in contact with UNH cooperative extension- they run an in-depth program on how to use ArcGIS. They also offer an upcoming training. The training would be money well spent to help us with a better inventory. Would not only benefit the CCC but the town as well to assist with the town mapping. Cost around \$175, date TBD, likely in May.

Cody will reach out to ArcGIS to see if more than just the CCC could use the license. Cody will request a formal quote from ArcGIS

Len moved the CCC pay the cost of the training and license, Alice seconded. All approved, motion passed.

## Commission Members

Bill Chabot: Chair,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2024

Len Reitsma:  
3 year term ending  
August 31, 2022

Elizabeth Chabot:  
Secretary,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2022

Thomas Oppel: 3  
year term ending  
January 2024

Cody Hussey:  
3 year term ending  
January 2024

### **Alternates:**

Alice Schori

Noel Everts

### **Selectboard Representative:**

Dave McAlister

### Future Events:

- Earth Day Clean up: April 24, 2021 with Rain/snow date of April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Trail Maintenance Day
  - The walkway over the beaver dam needs to be replaced. It should be a proper boardwalk, a little higher and more stable. Len volunteered to spearhead this. Cody volunteered to assist. He and Len will coordinate a walk about.
  - Bill will investigate how much maintenance is required and will email a report.

### CCC Members

Bill's term expires at the end of April. As his seat is uncontested, he volunteered for another three year term.

- Len moved that Bill serve another three year term, and remain Chair, Cody seconded. All approved, motion passed.

### New Funding for Forest Conservation

Cody to collaborate with Thomas on the initial structure of the grant request. Len offered to edit as well.

Deadline April 15

More information to come!

### Misc

Cody has set up a Google Drive to give us a place to track our projects. He sent members a link and gave a tour of the drive.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Alice

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 2021

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*