

Cornish Conservation Commission
Minutes of Wednesday, April 23, 2008, Unapproved

Present: Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Bill Gallagher, John Hammond, Betty Miller, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden, Jon Woodhull, Gabe Zoerheide (Chair), and guest Steve Walker

Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26. Loel seconded and the motion passed. Loel moved to approve the minutes of February 27, Jim seconded, and the motion passed.

Visit of Steve Walker: Steve came to introduce himself to those who don't know him and offer some services. He is with Conservation Land Stewardship (of the NH Office of Energy & Planning) which has interest in four conservation properties in Cornish (Barker, Lenz, Meyette, Davis). He donated both field and office files for each property and offered materials when properties change ownership.

Farnsworth Property: Gabe distributed a revised letter to one of the property owners. He didn't want to take the time to discuss it but asked for feedback in the coming days.

CREA Committee: Gabe received a letter from the Selectboard (sent to all involved organizations) regarding the new committee. Jim nominated Linda and Rickey as Conservation Commission representatives. Loel seconded and the vote was approved.

Master Plan Forum: The Planning Board is encouraging public input to the draft of the Master Plan Update at forums on May 1 and June 5.

Natural Resources Inventory: A bill for the second half of the mapping work (\$1,250) has been received. The map committee will get together one more time to review remaining revisions. Gabe will also review the contract for agreed deliverables.

Mail:

- Letter from Upper Valley Land Trust indicating easement on Dewey property is complete
- Letter from DES indicating the State withdrew its permit application for a highway salt shed
- Received 3 copies of "Natural Resource Inventories"

DES Permit Application: Steve Walasewicz of St. Gaudens contacted Gabe for review of a Minimum Impact Expedited Application related to repair work on a dam and swimming hole. Loel recused himself and left the room during discussion. Just prior to the meeting, Gabe, Betty, Don, and Rickey visited the site and reviewed the application. The repair work would be done by a Student Conservation Corp crew and would involve no motorized equipment. Jim made a motion for Gabe to sign the permit application, signaling Commission support of the project. Jon seconded and the motion passed.

Scrap Metal: Don indicated that the current value of scrap metal is rather high and now might be a good time for people to recycle unused equipment. A junk car is currently getting \$250-300.

Lilacs: John announced that 30 lilac bushes will arrive soon. He will organize planting on town property.

Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn at 8:45. John seconded and the vote passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Miller