

## **Cornish Conservation Commission**

### Minutes of Wednesday, December 27, 2006, Unapproved

**Present:** Bill Gallagher, Betty Miller, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden, Gabe Zoerheide, and guests Arthur Brown, Dan Flynn, John Furgat, David L'Heureux, Mildred Richardson, Jim Rogers, Joanne Rogers

**Minutes:** Bill moved to approve the minutes of November 29 as written, Gabe seconded, and the motion passed.

**Discussion with Guests:** Jim McClammer walked the wetlands on Jackson Road with several Conservation Commission members, met with the Selectboard to discuss his restoration plan, and submitted it to DES. The plan requests authorization to install grade control measures with stone weirs at four locations. Dan Flynn submitted a permit application for work on Center Road. John Furgat has hired a soil engineer in southern NH to prepare his restoration plan. He presented maps showing the brook next to Jackson Road. He also would like unpermitted work done by other neighbors to be addressed. Gabe suggested this be brought to the attention of the Selectboard.

#### **Road Agent Issues:**

- Dan Flynn presented the Standard Dredge and Fill Application he sent to DES. He proposes to replace a broken concrete culvert under Center Road with a squashed galvanized culvert. Material from earlier work will be moved off site.
- He also reported that a culvert on Tandy Brook Road needs to be opened. It will be done manually so water can be released slowly. DES has approved this work.
- Dan hauled in stone where National Grid had been working on St. Gaudens Road and will send them a bill. Don added that after meeting with the Town Forest Committee, National Grid agreed to pay to fix damage done in the Town Forest.

**Budget:** A payment of \$550 has been made for the totem pole. Remaining funds of approximately \$22 will be allocated to postage.

**Conservation Award:** Members discussed candidates and made a decision on the next recipient. Rickey will work on the item commemorating the award.

#### **Updates/Quick Reports:**

- A variance was given to cut timber on Route 12A property.
- A request from the Carbon Coalition to include a warrant article about global warming was discussed; Don will ask the Selectboard to put it on the warrant for town meeting.
- The CREA bridge has been repaired by Don and Remco. Don suggested a subgroup to keep the bridge maintained and work on other projects on the CREA land.
- Don reported on recent work on the CREA barn as well as work yet to be done.
- Don will talk with the Selectboard about excavation at the Santaw property and may draft a letter expressing concerns.
- The Upper Valley Land Trust recently received an award for its land conservation work.

**Membership:** Don reported that he would like to become an alternate and cease being chair, Loel would like to be a full member, Jim Barker would like to be a member or alternate, and Linda Feurst would like to be an alternate. Don would like to move his energy from being chair to working on side committees – monitoring, wetlands, CREA property. Gabe would be available to become chair in March. Appreciation for Don's leadership was expressed along with gratitude that he'll continue to

support the Conservation Commission.

**Conservation Plan:** Bill presented a revision to the agriculture section; minor changes were made.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Miller