

Cornish Conservation Commission

Minutes of Wednesday, January 24, 2007, **Unapproved**

Present: Loel Callahan, Bill Gallagher, John Hammond, Betty Miller, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden and guests Dan Flynn, John Furgat

Minutes: Rickey moved to approve the minutes of December 27 as written, Loel seconded, and the motion passed.

Dates: The year members began their terms was researched.

DES Issues:

- DES requested a letter indicating that Mrs. Richardson was in agreement with the Jackson Road restoration plan. Dan has procured rock for the job and is waiting for DES approval.
- The Commission has a letter from DES indicating that the Center Road application has been received and is being evaluated; Dan said he's received approval.

Town Meeting:

- A petition is being presented for a warrant article to ask that change of use tax go to the general fund rather than the conservation fund. After some discussion the Commission agreed to schedule a work session to create educational materials on the use of the conservation fund.
- The Selectboard agreed to include the warrant article about global warming
- Possible displays at town meeting ? totem pole, conservation fund, UVLT

Request from Road and Cemetery Crews: A building in the Flat is being taken down so it has been proposed that the CREA Barn be used to store hay. The Commission felt this might be OK as a temporary solution but that this use is not consistent with the intent of the use of the CREA property (recreation and education). John thought

the sugarhouse at the Fairgrounds is not being used and will investigate its availability.

Updates/Quick Reports:

- Carpool from the Town Offices to the UVLT meeting at 5:30 on January 29
- Sullivan farm is for sale
- Expanded tax benefit available in 2007 for donations of conservation easements
- Don spoke with Peg Merrens (UVLT) and Brian Hotz (SPNHF) regarding pending conservation easements in town and shared these updates with the Commission. We should get a Cornish project added to the LCHIP list.
- Bill distributed summary documents of the Recycling-Based Waste Management Action Plan prepared by Antioch New England Institute and described the related meetings

Membership: Don proposed the following slate of officers: Gabe as Chair, Bill as Vice Chair, Betty as Secretary. Rickey seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Adjournment: John made a motion to adjourn at 9:35. Rickey seconded and the vote passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Miller