

## **Cornish Conservation Commission**

Minutes of Wednesday, April 25, 2007

**Present:** Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher, Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Miller, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden, Jon Woodhul, Gabe Zoerheide (Chair) and guest Dan Flynn

**Minutes:** Rickey moved to approve the minutes of March 28, Loel seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Mail and Updates:**

- Jon spoke with Steve Jameson after the last meeting; Steve will put an agricultural restriction in the deed. There was discussion about Commission support of initiatives such as this one.
- Dan Flynn gave the Commission a videotape about beavers.
- Gabe described a wetlands issue at Travis Callahan's property on Jackson Road.
- Bill announced the visit of a speaker (May 22, 7 pm, Town Office) who helps communities on environmental issues by drafting protective ordinances on such topics as water extraction.
- Don said the CREA barn roof came off in the recent wind, an insurance adjuster has visited, and the committee is getting quotes. Dan offered to transport the steel to the recycling center.
- Betty mentioned property on Root Hill Road that may be for sale soon.
- St. Gaudens has put out a request for proposals related to the Blow-Me-Down Farm.
- Information on a mapping meeting, as well as other meetings, was circulated.
- Mariet reported on a conversation with Keith Jones about his interest in purchasing and fixing up property next to the Town Office.
- Don said that some easements need to be monitored; he'll contact individuals and arrange times. Rickey mentioned that the Selectboard is supposed to walk the town boundaries every 7 years.

**Conservation Easements:** Gabe provided updates on several pending UVLT easements in Town and the Commission discussed ways it might help, financially or otherwise.

- Bill Lipfert/John Hammond river frontage on Route 12-A
- Separate Lipfert property abutting the Town Forest
- Anne Tracy property on Lang Road
- Jim and Sue Fitch, Dingleton Hill

**Information Sharing:**

- Gabe raised a topic from last month related to Weathersfield's CC having a member who regularly attends Planning Board meetings and suggested it would be a good idea for someone here to do that. As a step in keeping informed, the Commission will circulate Planning Board minutes.
- Betty will order 5 copies of the NH Association of Conservation Commission Handbook for those who do not have one. She also mentioned that former NHACC Director Marge Swope died.
- Additional discussion on access to information/meetings/files.

**CREA Property:** Linda circulated a handout with her ideas for future projects on the CREA property and the Commission mentioned names of potential committee members. Next meeting we'll review funds and purposes.

**DES Matters:**

- John Furgat's Jackson Road restoration plan has been approved
- The Town's West Pass Road dredge and fill application is administratively complete

**Conservation Plan:** Bill circulated the latest revision and some minor editorial changes were made. Bill moved to approve the Town of Cornish land Conservation Guide, Rickey seconded, and the motion passed. Next meeting's agenda will include next steps.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Miller