

## **Cornish Conservation Commission**

Minutes of Wednesday, August 22, 2007, Unapproved

**Present:** Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher, John Hammond, Betty Miller, Gabe Zoerheide (Chair) and guest Dan Flynn

**Minutes:** Bill moved to approve the minutes of June 27, Jim seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Updates:**

- The Tracy Farm easement was finalized on August 16
- The Forest Society reports near completion of one easement and the beginning of another
- Memorial contributions
- Bob Coates (Student Conservation Association) is interested in pursuing a project on the CREA land; Linda will schedule a meeting in September. The project would happen next summer but Bob could help identify funding sources in the meantime.
- The bridge on the CREA property needs at least temporary repair before the SCA project. It was closed during the Fair. Gabe will talk with Don and Jon who have expressed ideas. Dan described an easy fix involving a tripod, logs, and block & tackle.
- The barn roof will be installed next week

**Conservation Fund:** With the addition of 2006 change of use tax, the fund has grown considerably. The commission discussed a variety of projects (in addition to assisting with easements) and the ones to be pursued are:

- Planting trees on 3 town properties: Center Road near the church, fairgrounds, and town offices. Loel will talk with the Fair Association and come up with a proposal for our next meeting.
- Hire a consultant to refine and embellish our Conservation Plan (to include mapping layers, etc.) and perhaps the Natural Resources Inventory. Gabe will get an idea of costs from UVLT, Forest Society, UVLSRPC and also try to find out more about anticipated funding requests.
- A public meeting to describe plans for the coming year(s) and seek additional ideas.

A host of other ideas were also discussed (including series of articles, stock ponds with fish, water project, highway project, educational dissemination) for future consideration.

**Adjournment:** Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:15. John seconded and the vote passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Miller