

Cornish Conservation Commission

Minutes of Wednesday, October 25, 2006, Unapproved

Present: Bill Gallagher, John Hammond, Mary Beth Heiskell (and daughter Sarah briefly), Betty Miller, Don Snowden, Mike Yatsevitch, Gabe Zoerheide (Chair), and guests Merilynn Bourne, Dan Flynn, and Stuart Hodgeman

Minutes: Bill moved to approve the minutes of September 27 as written, Mike seconded, and the motion passed. Don moved to approve the minutes of August 23 as written, Mike seconded, and the motion passed.

Guest Presentation: Sarah Heiskell-Mann (with her Mom's help) shared her story about the beavers she saw at the CREA property.

Discussion with Guests: The Road Agent and Selectboard were invited to the meeting to not only discuss the issue at hand but to also talk about communication, the permitting process, the value of wetlands, the role of the Conservation Commission, and ways to prevent similar situations in the future. A citizen complaint has been filed with the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau related to ditch work done in wetlands on Jackson Road without a permit or proper authorization from DES. Linda Magoon, DES Compliance Inspector, will visit on November 1.

Conservation Plan: Discussion tabled but Bill distributed his revision to the agricultural section. Mary Beth will call several consultants to get preliminary information, including prices.

Updates/Mail:

- Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, November 4
- UVLSRPC program on wetlands permitting
- Letter from DES responding to citizen complaint regarding Jackson Road
- Letter from DES approving St. Gaudens wetlands permit
- Report that Cliff Bennett will likely just patch old bridge

- Gabe will be out of the country from January 15 – March 21

Next Meeting: The November meeting will be held on the 29th, rather than the 22nd. The December meeting will remain as scheduled, the 4th Wednesday, December 27.

Budget: The Selectboard would like a preliminary budget by the first week of November. Don moved that the budget for 2007 be \$900. Mary Beth seconded and the vote passed. John indicated that the tax rate would be down this year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:40.
Respectfully submitted,

Betty Miller