

Cornish Conservation Commission

Minutes of Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Unapproved

Present: Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Betty Caterino, Bill Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Miller, Frank Parks, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden, Jon Woodhull

New Members: Betty Caterino was welcomed as an alternate. Mike Meeks has also been appointed as an alternate. The Selectmen were not aware that Nancy Newbold had resigned so there is no need for her to be sworn in again. She remains as an alternate.

Minutes: Mariet made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11. Jim seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Mail/Announcements:

- Bill distributed UVLT press release regarding Fitch easement. 40-50 people participated in the snowshoe gathering and there was coverage in both the Eagle and Valley News.
- Bill distributed a copy of the law related to NH conservation commissions
- Betty M. gave Betty C. a copy of the handbook for conservation commissioners and will order another for Mike. Rickey suggested we order an extra to keep in the town office for reference.
- Saving Special Places, April 4, Guilford, NH
- Bill is pursuing 3 potential sources of funds for conservation easements on agriculture land
- The Timberland Owners Association magazine was circulated

Bills:

- Loel moved to pay \$100 from the conservation fund to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for map revisions. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim moved to spend \$50 to renew membership with the Forest Society. Frank seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim moved to reimburse Mariet \$10.99 for Green Up handouts. Loel seconded and the motion passed.

Town Meeting Preparation: Budget cutbacks and the warrant article regarding land use change tax were discussed. Bill distributed two handouts regarding the conservation fund. Betty and Rickey will work with UVLT on a tabletop display. Mariet and Nancy will sit at the information table at town meeting. Loel will gather some handouts.

Adjournment: Jim moved to adjourn, Loel seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was then reconvened for a few minutes to discuss the conservation award. Next meeting is March 25.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Miller