

Cornish Conservation Commission
Minutes of Wednesday, March 26, 2008, Unapproved

Present: Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher, John Hammond, Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Miller, Rickey Poor, Jon Woodhull, Gabe Zoerheide (Chair), and guests Dan Flynn and Fred Sullivan

Updates:

- Wellborn Ecology Conference, Hulbert Outdoor Center, April 11
- Saving Special Places, Kearsarge Regional High School, April 5
- Report from UVLT Conservation Commission gathering
- Friends of Mount Sunapee
- Vegetable Gardening, NH Extension Service, April 12
- Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Community & Climate Change, May 1
- Upcoming monitoring of town property with conservation easements

Visit of Fred Sullivan: Fred wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission that he is a conservationist. He also addressed a number of conservation issues in town for which he is concerned.

Town Meeting Recap: Since not all Commission members were at Town Meeting, others brought them up to date.

Membership: Rickey moved that all officers be re-elected -- Gabe as chair, Bill as vice-chair, and Betty as secretary. Jim seconded and the motion passed. It was decided to recommend to the selectmen to reappoint Jon, move Rickey to an alternate, and move Linda to a full member.

Farnsworth Property: Gabe reported on the appraisal and shared a draft letter. There was discussion about road classification issues and general support for a zoning ordinance regarding Class VI roads to ensure consistency. Gabe will revise and circulate the letter.

CREA Property: Linda shared a letter she sent to the selectpersons proposing a CREA committee; they approved the committee. It will serve to coordinate the various interests regarding use of the property and will include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Barn Committee, Recreation Committee, Cornish Fair Committee, Selectpersons, Road Crew, and other interested citizens.

NH Timberland Owners Association: Membership is up for renewal. The Commission discussed what it gets from its membership and the Association's activities. Not all Commissioners wanted to support the Association but others pointed out that as members, we can voice our concerns. Jim made a motion to renew membership, Rickey seconded, and the motion passed.

Maps: Revisions and copies of the maps prepared by UVLSRPC were discussed. Loel

will meet with the Extension Service (about maps as well as their other services) and Rachel Ruppell (about duplication costs and right to reproduce).

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Miller