

Cornish Conservation Commission

Minutes of Wednesday, November 19, 2008, Unapproved

Present: Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher (Chair), Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Miller, Frank Parks, Don Snowden, and guests Peg Merrens and Sara Cavin (Upper Valley Land Trust)

Minutes: Jim moved to approve the minutes of October 22, Frank seconded and the motion passed.

Visit of UVLT: Peg Merrens and Sara Cavin provided background and update on the LCHIP grant to help protect two parcels of Fitch family farm and forest. Survey and appraisals are now complete and UVLT is putting together baseline reports. The Commission earlier agreed to help raise matching funds; soon that amount will be known. The easement will protect historic property (same family 200+ years) which provides sweeping views and a critical link to other conserved lands. It is also one of the last working farms in Cornish. There was also discussion about new state law regarding executory interests. Until the town passes an article indicating they do not wish to hold an interest in easement properties, UVLT will include in easements that the town has executory interest (i.e., if UVLT ceases to exist, then the rights, responsibilities, and interests shift to the town). Peg also indicated that progress has been made on the Lipfert and Hammond easements.

Budget: Need to find out how much we owe on the totem pole. Need to send \$500 from the Barker Fund to the Selectmen for the Clark property. \$91 due to Cornish General Store for CREA. Jim moved that we pay \$80 for two people to attend the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Don seconded and the motion passed.

Other Items:

- Bill asked about the Selectmen and Planning Board coming to the December meeting; decided to hold that meeting in January.
- Bill distributed handouts from the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35. Next meeting is December 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Miller