

Cornish Conservation Commission Minutes (Unapproved)
January 26, 2011

Present: Bill Gallagher, Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Caterino, John Hammond, Loel Callahan, Jenny Schad, and Linda Fuerst.

Guests: Heidi Jaarsma and Rachael Ruppel

The meeting began at 7:10 P.M.

The minutes for November were reviewed. Loel moved to accept them as written. Betty seconded. The minutes were approved. The minutes of December were reviewed. Loel moved to accept them as written. Jenny seconded. The minutes were approved.

Heidi Jaarsma, the Town Treasurer, Gave a report of the status of the funds controlled by the commission. (See attachment)

Bill reported that Carol Quimby Heath has put 45 acres of land on Dingleton Hill under an easement. Joanna Scharf is working on putting some of her land across the street under an easement. Both properties help to fill in gaps in the corridor of land put in easements on Dingleton Hill.

Bill announced that the Society For The Protection Of New Hampshire Forests is conducting a Timber Harvest Tour at the Yatsevitch Forest Reservation, Saturday, January 29, 10am to 1 pm. Pre-registration is required.

John reported that the town received a permit from the state to remove the culvert on Clark Camp Road. They have ordered a new culvert.

Linda gave a quote from Jerry Doolittle's print shop in Claremont for CCC stationary. 500 letterheads and envelopes would cost \$316. 250 would cost \$260. Much of the cost is in setting up the print, so the greater amount is a better deal. As it turns out Linda had shown him the wrong stationary to duplicate. The letter head that Suzanne Lupien designed is the one that the commission said they would like to use. There was discussion about whether we should even have stationary with a printed letterhead, given the cost. Linda was instructed to find the stationary that Suzanne had designed.

There were two bills: \$200 for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and \$50 for the Society for Protection of NH Forests. Loel made a motion to pay both bills. Mariet seconded. The motion passed.

Loel presented receipts from Lavalley's totaling \$450 for materials to build the CCC's Education Committee's bulletin boards. Students at the River Valley Technical School are building them. The Education Committee met at the Cornish General Store on December 15th to discuss possible community education offerings related to home garden and conservation topics. Present were Loel Callahan (CCC), Mariet Jaarsma (CCC), Seth Wilner (UNH Extension educator/Agricultural & Environmental Stewardship), Jim Lukash, Robert Bladen Jr. and Audrey Jacquier (Cornish Garden Club). Loel made a motion that the Education Committee be authorized to place on connectcornish, a list of subjects for proposed community workshops, to be voted on by the community members by email. The Education Committee should tally those votes to determine priorities for workshops selection and determination. Jenny seconded. The motion passed.

The issue of the town potentially having a land swap with the Blue Mountain Forest Association was tabled until our next meeting.

Rachel Ruppel from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission got further input from us about what maps and data gathering we thought we'd like to include in Cornish's Natural Resource Inventory

(NRI) She gave us guidance on what the individual phases of this project might be. She emphasized the fact that it will be important to reach out to the community to fill in other important details about Cornish. She suggested that we have sub-committees to work on various aspects of the project. The last phase will be to write the narrative. It was suggested that we set a time limit of 12-18 months for this work. She will study what we talked about, and come back to our next meeting when we plan to vote on the contract with her and UVLSRPC.

John made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Fuerst
Secretary