

Cornish Conservation Commission

Minutes of Wednesday, June 24, 2009, Unapproved

Present: Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Betty Caterino, Bill Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Betty Miller, Don Snowden, Jon Woodhull and guest B. J. Dunn

St. Gaudens: B. J. Dunn described a cultural landscape project and asked for comments and additional ideas. To signify its importance, the Blow-Me-Down Mill area has been made a separate project. As the pond has really filled in over the years, it needs to be dredged and the foundation of the mill needs repair. The report is a draft and B. J. will be soliciting comments from the community. The actual work is still at least 5 years away. Other considerations are moving the parking lot and access point, creating a trail to the stone arch bridge, and other uses for the building.

Minutes: Loel made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20. Betty C. seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

CREA: The commission will visit the CREA property next Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30. Meet at the barn. The Student Conservation Association is working on the trails this week and a new beaver baffle has been installed. Josh Cloud submitted material pricing for the dugouts. Jon moved to spend up to \$520 from the CREA fund after presentation of a purchase order (for payment to the vendor) or receipt (for reimbursement to Josh) for these materials.

Easement Monitoring: Cole/Hier July 7, 9 a.m. and Barker/Lenz June 26, 9 a.m.

Billing: Loel indicated that the cost of trees was only \$53.50.

Trees: Some trees and shrubs near the veterans memorial in Cornish Flat are suffering the consequences of weed wacking. Since a couple of the trees may need to come down, planting of new trees was discussed, also interventions such as mulching and tree guards.

Natural Resource Inventory: Bill distributed a chapter from the CC handbook and asked folks to read it before the next meeting. Betty indicated that many town's NRI's are available on the web, such as at www.granthamnh.net.

Organizing: Bill also distributed a page from the CC handbook on documents commission members should have readily available. He also talked about Acworth's bylaws.

Adjournment: Jim made a motion to adjourn at 9:10, Don seconded and the motion passed. Next regular meeting is July 22; visit to the CREA property is July 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Miller