

**Cornish Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of Wednesday, March 3, 2010, Unapproved  
(rescheduled from February 24)

**Present:** Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Betty Caterino, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Mariet Jaarsma, Betty Miller, Jon Woodhull and guests Merilynn Bourne and Troy Simino

**Minutes:** Betty M. made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27. Linda seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

**Town Meeting:**

- Linda presented posters she prepared as part of the Commission's education/outreach effort. The three posters, which will be on display at town meeting, focus on open space, conservation easement land in Cornish, and current use land in Cornish.
- The town meeting warrant includes an article proposing to deposit land use change tax revenue into the general fund rather than the conservation fund. The Commission and Selectboard discussed a number of possible amendments to this article. Linda moved to keep the annual allocation at \$4,500 and to amend the LUCT article to 60% to the conservation fund and 40% to the general fund. Betty C. seconded. The vote, not unanimous, was in favor of the motion.
- Mariet announced that Green Up Week would be April 19 – 30. John indicated that this initiative makes Cornish eligible to receive 400 bulbs from the state after submitting necessary paperwork.

**Next Meeting:** Agenda will include election of officers (with Bill and Betty not seeking re-election as Chair and Secretary) and Rachel Ruppel will be present to discuss maps.

**UVLT Meeting:** Betty and Bill described last week's meeting for conservation commissions, organized by Upper Valley Land Trust. The focus on fundraising, highlighted Thetford's challenging success to raise over \$20,000 in a month for a wetlands conservation initiative and Bradford's creative, fun, and community-wide ongoing successful fundraising projects for conservation.

**Announcement:** Loel and his crew could put in three trees this season at no cost to the commission or town.

**Adjournment:** Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:55, Loel seconded and the motion passed. Next meeting is March 24.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Miller

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**Present:** Jim Barker, Loel Callahan, Betty Caterino, Linda Fuerst, Bill Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Mariet Jaarsma, Mike Meeks, Betty Miller, Frank Parks, Rickey Poor, Don Snowden, Jon Woodhull and guests Rachel Ruppel and Jenny Schad

**Minutes:** Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3. Loel seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

**Maps / Natural Resource Inventory:** Linda would like to lead the next phase of NRI update and envisions members breaking into groups based on interests and meeting with other members of the community outside of regular meetings. Rachel Ruppel (Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission) described her services as GIS analyst and planner as well as some of the NRIs she's helped prepare. Costs range from \$1,500 for editing and developing recommendations to 7-8,000 for full report. Ten new maps would be \$4-5,000. Jim will get the Word file of the Menke report to those interested and also develop a table of contents. Rachel and Linda will draft a scope of work including list of possible maps.

**Don** expressed appreciation for receiving the Conservation Award and indicated that a closing for the sale of his house is scheduled for the end of April. Rickey presented a bill for the frame (\$95.50). Mariet moved to pay from the Barker Fund, Jim seconded, and the motion passed.

**Town Meeting:** Review of the events and history; ideas for education and public relations discussed.

**Road Policy:** The Selectmen have been creating records, working on best management practices, and will schedule a public meeting.

**Mail:** Newsletters, announcements of meetings, etc. were circulated. Loel moved to renew membership in the Society for the Protection of NH's Forests (\$50) and NH Timberland Owners Association (\$30). Frank seconded and the motion passed.

**Easement Book:** Don got Linda started creating an easement book – information on conservation easements in general plus extensive data on each easement.

**Water on CREA:** Linda announced there was none – beaver baffles, ditches, culverts all working great.

**Forums or Events:** We continue to generate lots of ideas for speakers and other events but need someone to facilitate a plan. Linda moved to create objectives at the next meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed. Come with a list of ideas and be prepared to volunteer for a subcommittee.

**Membership and Officers:** John will suggest to the Selectmen that Jenny Schad replace Don and that the others whose terms expired at the end of 2009 (Jim, Bill, and John) be reappointed for another 3-year term. Jim moved and Loel seconded that Mike become Chair and Linda become Secretary. The motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Jim made a motion to adjourn, Frank seconded and the motion passed. Next meeting is April 28.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Miller