

**MINUTES  
CORNISH PLANNING BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7 pm in the Cornish Town Office. Members present were Bill Lipfert, Chair, Gwyn Gallagher, Mary Mancuso, Gail McKenzie, and Jay Young; David Haseman, Alternate; and Heidi Jaarsma Secretary. Conservation Commission members in attendance were Jim Barker, Chair, Bill Gallagher, and Dale Rook.

Discussion re: Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Draft

Bill Lipfert stated that the Board was meeting with representatives of the Conservation Commission to discuss the possible incorporation of part, all, or a summary of the NRI in the updated Master Plan. Jim Barker described the update process so far. The final draft will incorporate all mapping done by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Council. The Commission hopes that the update will be completed soon. The next step is the development of a management plan supported by the NRI. Mr. Barker's objective is to find from the Planning Board how the Conservation Commission can work with the Planning Board. Mr. Barker presented the following list of ideas for the next steps in developing a Conservation Plan that was developed at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conservation Commission.

- Develop best management practices for the removal of gravel for town roads.
- Study the impact current zoning regulations have on land conservation
- Develop a plan for the management and protection of the town watersheds and for handling pollution.
- Identify roads that meet the standards of "scenic roads" and get them certified as such.
- Educate landowners on the use of herbicides on their land and on utility right-of-ways.
- Conduct three or four seminars a year on topics such as invasive species, water quality, herbicides, wildlife management, etc.
- Educate landowners on best practices for wildlife habitat.
- Help the Selectboard develop a road plan.
- Identify types of land or specific parcels of land that should be targeted for conservation and work with landowners to obtain easements.

The Planning Board discussed cluster development and the road plan. David Haseman said that a threatened water supply would be useful information during the subdivision process. The Planning Board has also discussed a water protection overlay district. Gwyn Gallagher said that a baseline for well data would be interesting. Heidi Jaarsma said that watershed protection and conservation zoning were places where the Conservation Commission could coordinate with the Planning Board. David Haseman also noted that it would be important to know the location of endangered species habitat during the subdivision process. Ms. Jaarsma discussed the incorporation of the NRI into the Master Plan: Natural Resources are a subsection of Land Use in the Master Plan. This subsection could serve as an executive summary of the NRI. Ms. Jaarsma suggested updating the Master Plan so that it is in sync with information given in the NRI. Bill Lipfert asked about how the maps would fit into the NRI. Mr. Barker said that the maps would fit into the NRI narrative. Bill Lipfert said that it would be nice to have the NRI on the town website. Heidi Jaarsma recommended filing a certified copy of the NRI with the Town Clerk. Gail McKenzie made mention of additional gates to Corbin Park not listed on page 12 of the NRI. Heidi Jaarsma asked if some of the mapping could be included in the Master Plan. Jim Barker said that the Conservation Commission owned the maps and that they could be used in the Master Plan.

#### Other Business

Bill Lipfert said that the UVLSRPC is soliciting input Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at the Cornish Town Office. Heidi Jaarsma and Gwyn Gallagher will attend.

Scott Baker mentioned that the closing of the sand and gravel pit historically used by the town will have an impact on the town budget and will be the subject of discussion.

David Haseman a motion to adjourn. Gail McKenzie seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi M. Jaarsma