

**CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Attendees: Jim Barker, Chair, John Berry, John Hammond, Buz Lord, Patrick Pinkson-Burke, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Steve Wilke, and Rebekah Thomas.

Dale Rook made a motion to accept the March, 26 minutes, seconded by Patrick Pinkson-Burke. Jim noted that Bob Bulkley's name was misspelled in three places. Minutes will be corrected. March 26, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Steve recommended last time that the CCC should have the ability to store important documentation. Jim handed over the floor to Steve to talk about using the Cloud to store all documentation digitally so that anyone could access it with a computer. If this is done from here on out a database could be established that would be safely stored. Jim asked Steve if he thought this was better than an external hard drive and Steve indicated that it would be. Steve feels that the Cloud is very safe and would not be dependent on a single person's ability to store/keep up with/access information on a hard drive. The Cloud could be set up so that any CCC member could have access and access could be restricted in a number of ways to allow or disallow access by particular groups or persons. Patrick P-B indicated that he had doubts about the safety of the Cloud due to certain outside groups that may have access without our permission and suggested that there may be other ways of doing this, although they might not be as convenient. Steve indicated that there are other groups that provide a similar product. Rickey wanted to know what kinds of things would be stored, and Jim began to list the kinds of things the CCC would want to store in this manner. Steve indicated that what the CCC does is basically public information anyway so that it might not be an issue to worry about groups that would "snoop." Rickey wanted to know if the Town might be interested in "going in" on this as long as we're paying for this. John H. indicated that the Selectmen had not yet had this discussion and didn't really have a feel for whether they would go in this direction. He didn't seem to have a problem as long as we're talking about documents that are publically available anyway. Bill Catarino has come to the Selectmen to discuss the current website, its need for being expanded and updated. John H. indicated that there is a contract with someone to work on the Town website but that person is in school, and progress is slow. A possible scenario for information storage and accessibility is that whomever is doing the website could have oversight regarding access to public information. Jim's frustration is that what he sends in information it never gets posted, and that is Bill Catarino's frustration also. Jim was wondering if the Town's website could be set up so that various people could have access to specific areas of the website in order to post information. Jim indicated that typically if websites are not updated regularly no one will access it and the information won't get out. John H. indicates that there will be a lot of planning involved in getting an IT person who can handle this. Steve indicated that because of all the problems with the website, that having information on the Cloud would be a

good start to getting information out to people who want to access it. Jim asked John H. if he had any thoughts. He didn't think he knew enough about the technology to offer advice. A discussion ensued about whether there should be a Town committee to look into it as it seems to be a bigger issue than the CCC can handle on its own. Steve indicated that Mega is unlimited for \$49 per year and Drop Box is \$99 per year. This is really all about ease of sharing. Either the CCC should get a \$49 account and do what needs to be done now or Jim goes to the Select Board along with others like Bill Catarino to discuss whether or not the Town is going to move in that direction. John B. asked about what happens if the CCC is not satisfied can the information off be retrieved and the account closed. Steve indicated that nothing could be remove if its already been loaded, but the account can be closed. John B. and Jim think that's the way to go. Rebekah made a motion to have Steve look into the best option for the CCC to open a Cloud account for no more than \$50. Patrick P-B seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Rickey suggested that Jim and Bill Catarino go to the Select Board anyway to begin the discussion with the Town. Jim agreed to do this.

Jim asked for reimbursement in the amount of \$13.49 for file folders, Dale Rook motioned to approve reimbursement and Rickey Poor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jim asked for approval to pay an invoice in the amount of \$239.40 to Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for NRI copies. Rickey Poor motioned to approve payment, Patrick P-B seconded. Motion carried.

Jim indicated that Steve had asked the CCC to review meeting times because every Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings are either moved or canceled because meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Rickey indicated that this has been a problem since she's been on the Commission and that there has never been a satisfactory solution. Dale indicated that maybe meeting times should be left as is but for November and December meetings could automatically be moved to the third Wednesday. A discussion ensued. Dale wondered if the meeting place would be available on the third Wednesday in November and December and indicated that someone should ask Mary if the room is available. Jim indicated that he will check with Mary first and then next month we can entertain a motion.

Gravel removal. Acworth's Conservation Commission has a whole section in their By-Laws about gravel removal. Acworth requires a permit according to the State RSA 155-E for excavation, the permit goes to the Chair of their Conservation Commission so John H. is wondering if we shouldn't do something similar. John H. indicated that the Town has no current source of gravel and that the Town is paying a lot for importing gravel. John thinks that the CCC should have a say in this as it may have ramifications if we find a local source. The land that the Fair has may have a gravel source and they may be looking to expand parking so the Town may be able to extract gravel there. T In addition the Selectmen have approached specific landowners about providing gravel based on information that their land may have gravel sources. None of the landowners want to do this. Jim indicated that this issue should go to the newly formed By-Laws committee to incorporate something like this into the By-Laws. Everyone agreed that this seemed like a good idea.

The hunting issue on CREA property has been an ongoing discussion. John H. indicated that parties on both sides of the issue have expressed their opinion. The Select Board has final say but John H. indicated that they want to be very open to the public about this issue and that the Selectmen have not yet come to any consensus. Jim filled John H. in on the CCC's discussion from last month regarding this issue (see 3-26-14 minutes). John H. wants more people to voice their opinions so that the Select Board has as much information as possible before making their decision.

Jim indicated that it was time to break into standing committees for discussion. The Water Committee and the By-Laws Committee met with those members of each that were present.

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm was made by Dale Rook, seconded by John Hammond. Unanimously approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebekah Thomas.