

Cornish Conservation Commission
Minutes Sept. 24, 2014

Present: Steve Wilkie, Buz Lord, Dale Rook, Paul Dunne, Rickey Poor and Jim Barker, Chair

Guests: Ben Healy (Eagle Scout candidate) and Mr. Healy

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:04

Minutes were reviewed and Frank Parks was added to the list of attendees. Dale Rook moved and Paul Dunne seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Ben Healy present his Eagle Scout project plan to rebuild about 140 feet of the CREA boardwalk that is on the trail to the soccer field. This is on the west side of the brook. His presentation included a description of the project, a general materials list and an approximate budget. (about \$1500). Ben requested assistance from the Commission to fund this project.

Steve Wilkie moved to expend up to \$1553.57 (the remaining balance) from the CREA Bridge and Boardwalk Repair Fund . Dale Rook seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial report:

The \$4,500 budget item for the Conservation Fund that was voted on at the 2014 Town Meeting has been placed in the Conservation Fund. Also the \$5400 Change of Use Tax from 2013 has been added to the fund. The fund now has about \$111,000.

Natural Resource Inventory printing costs (\$240) have been recouped. There are a few copies remaining. One will be set aside to keep in the file for Commission use.

Palmer Fund - \$14,700

Operating Budget – There is \$250.51 remaining from our budget of \$750.00. (expended \$499.49)

Bridge and Board Walk Repair Fund is being used for Ben Healy's Eagle Scout project. Any remaining funds will go into the CREA Maintenance Fund.

Beavers – Rout 120 near Straight Away Garage the beavers are causing problems. Their dams have been torn out 4 times and the build back with larger dams. The water height is causing problems. The use of a “beaver baffle” similar to the one on CREA was suggested. Jim will contact Frank Parks for input from the Beaver Committee.

Scenic Roads – no report

Water – Steve is doing research on what other towns have done.

Education – Planning on putting a link to information on upland invasive species on Conservation Commission web page.

Haley Andreozzi of the UNH Cooperative Extension has put together a series of 6 lectures.

Other possible educational options were discussed.

Monitoring – Two properties have been monitored. Plans are underway to monitor the remaining parcels.

Palmer Fund – we had a brief discussion of the uses of the Palmer Fund. Will discuss it more at another meeting.

CREA Hunting - As the no hunting policy on CREA remains there is no need for the Select Board to take a vote weather to allow hunting. Jim will ask the Select Board if they would like the Commission to post CREA.

NHACC annual meeting is Saturday Nov. 1. Let Jim know if you are interested in attending so there can be carpooling. Registration is open and should be done before attending.

Four Winds – Rickey Poor moved and Steve Wilkie seconded a motion to pay Four Winds Nature Institute for the booklets the volunteer need for their volunteer work with the elementary school program. The funds will come from the Palmer Fund.

By-laws were reviewed and will be presented again for more review.

Dale Rook moved, seconded By Buz Lord to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully subbimitted

Herrika (Rickey) Poor
Vice-Chair Cornish Conservation Commission