

Cornish Conservation Commission  
Minutes Sept. 24, 2014

Present: Steve Wilkie, Buz Lord, Bob Bulkeley, John Hammond, Patrick Clancy, Bill Gallagher, Rickey Poor, Jenny Schad. and Jim Barker, Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

A discussion concerning the open position of Secretary was held with no action taken. Patrick Clancy offered to take minutes for this meeting.

Motion to approve the 9/14/14 minutes as written was made by Steve and seconded by Ricky. Motion passed.

Bill made the motion to recommend to the Select Board to appoint Bob Bulkeley to fill the open Appointed position was made by Bill and seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Jim stated the draft of the By-Laws was sent to the Select Board but had had received to feedback. John stated the Board would review the draft at the following meeting.

Ricky reviewed the yearly monitoring. 5 properties done with the 2 Meyeette properties left.

Jenny led a discussion on Scenic roads. There was consensus that only one or two roads should be brought to Town Meeting a year and the committee felt that Gap, West Pass and Squag City should be the top three candidates for the designation of Scenic.

Jim mentioned that he and Buzz would be attending the Annual Conservation Commission meeting on 11/2.

A discussion on the use of the Palmer fund was held. It was decided the following wording would be added to the By-Laws; *The Palmer fund is used for Environmental and Conservation education that benefit students, teachers and citizens in the Town of Cornish. If the principal balance of the fund goes below the original donation (\$10,000) the CCC will initiate a fund raising campaign to replenish the fund.*

Bill handed out information on pesticides such as neonicotinoids affecting birds. Bill also discussed a recent court case where the court ruled that municipalities could not regulate timber harvests, only the State could.

John discussed the replacement of the signs on RT 120 and RT 12A welcoming people to Cornish with stone signs. He wanted to know if the CCC would participate in the costs. John will be more information on the cost and process.

John stated that the Selectmen will be walking the property and putting up signs.

Discussion of beavers on RT 120 near the flat was held. John stated the Selectmen will discuss the issue with the Wildlife Com.

Discussion was held on committees and it was decided that the two committees that would

meet at our monthly meeting would be Water and Education and that all members should select one or the other of these committees. A new sign-up sheet will be done at the Nov. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Patrick Clancy