

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 25 2015

PRESENT: Patrick Clancy, Steve Wilkie, Jenny Schad, John Hammond Frank Parks, Dale Rook, Buz Lord, John Berry, Bill Gallagher, Jim Barker Ricky Poor.

Meeting called to order at 19:04 by Chair Barker.

Approval of February minutes: 1st motion to accept Dale; second Buz
Passed

Election of officers: Jim stated that it was time to have a full slate of officers to be compliant with bylaws. After discussion and nomination(s) the officers are as follows- Jim Barker, Chair; Ricky Poor Secretary; Buz Lord, Treasurer; Bill Gallagher, Vice Chair. This slate was motioned first by Frank and seconded by Steve.

Passed

Jim informed the group that the Schad property had been walked by Dale & Judy Rook, Rickey Poor, Bill Gallagher, Paul Dunne, Tim Schad and Jim Barker on Saturday March 21st. After lengthy discussion by the group regarding all aspects (criteria, what the CCC normally allocates for funding for this type thing etc.) of the property, Ricky made a motion that was seconded by Dale to approve a \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand) dollar expenditure to the Schad's for legal fees associated with the three pieces of land that comprised the easement.

Before any vote was taken, Jenny Schad recused herself from the final discussion and any vote.

Per Bylaws, the voting members (appointed) on the motion were: Bill G, R. Poor, Dale R, Buz L., and Steve W. Patrick C voted for Bob Bulkeley. The Chair did not vote. The final vote was 5 yes and 1 abstain. The next step will be for Chair Barker to arrange a public hearing. **Passed**

Town Forest Access- update given by John Hammond; the majority, if not all, of the discussion revolved around replacement of a culvert that would assist with timber harvest that was going to occur. The culvert was on the Claremont owned portion of the road.

Ascutney River Subcommittee- update given by Steve Wilkie.

Handouts/Information on education of various things, Lyme disease, EEE, Emerald ash borer given by Frank Parks.

CREA- update given by John Hammond, who estimated that the management plan should be complete and available by mid/late April.

Buz Lord introduced the possibility of doing a community education presentation partnering with the Plainfield Garden club. The concept was well received by the group.

The motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made by Bill G and seconded by Ricky P at 20:35

Passed

The group now broke into the various subcommittees(article 4sec2bylaws) for discussion for approx. 1/2 hour