

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2015

PRESENT: Patrick Clancy, Steve Wilkie, Jenny Schad, Dale Rook, Bill Gallagher, Jim Barker, Corey Fitch

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Dale made the motion to approve the June 24, 2015 minutes, seconded by Patrick. Motion to approve the June minutes as amended passed.

Bill moved to pay dues of \$25 to the Connecticut River Watershed Council, seconded by Patrick. Motion passed.

Bill made the motion to direct the Chair to co-sign a letter to Gov. Hassan concerning the Kinder Morgan Pipeline, seconded by Dale. The Conservation Commissions of Amherst, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Pelham and Ringe have drafted a letter to the Governor in opposition to the natural gas pipeline proposed for southern NH. The opposition is based on environmental impact and the impact on conserved land. The current path for the pipeline will cross at least 34 conserved properties in 15 NH Towns. In many cases the money used to fund these easements came from LCHIP and LCHIP money with matching grants or gifts. The intent of these laws (funding) is clear; protecting the State's environment and overall quality of life in NH. The motion passed.

Bill led a discussion on the use of some sort of weed killer used on Knotweed along Townhouse Rd. He stated that the adjoining brook is a trout breeding stream. Jim will contact the NHG DOT to inquire as to what chemical was used to kill the Knotweed. Bill made a motion, seconded by Corey to have the CCC continue to collect information regarding knotweed and other invasive plants. The motion carried.

Jen led a debrief of the recently held Tic Talk. The talk was presented by Frank Parks and Jen stated he did a wonderful interactive presentation and had very useful handout. Attendance was low and the feeling is that summers are a busy time for people and we should consider spring and early fall as times for talks and presentations.

Steve led a discussion about logging buffer zones especially when logging next to conserved lands. He gave examples where loggers went right up to the property line when logging on property adjacent to conserved lands. Jim will contact the UVLT to see what they advise we do if we run into this situation in Cornish.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting at 7:55 PM made by Patrick, seconded by Dale. Motion passed.

Water & Education committees met until 8:30 PM.