

Cornish Conservation Commission
Minutes for Dec. 14, 2016

Present: Members: Jim Barker, Chair, Bill Gallagher, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Steven Wilkie, Reyer Jaarsma, John Berry, Deanna Fitch, Corey Fitch,

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jim.

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Dale and seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim requested \$61.45 mileage reimbursement. Dale moved and Corey seconded a motion that this amount be paid from the Barker Fund as there is no additional funds in our regular budget.

Trail Finder – Jim and Steve attended a workshop about “Trail Finder” an online site that shows hiking, biking, skiing etc. trails around NH and VT which are open to the public. Cornish should have some of its trails added. Jim, Steve and Ginny Prince would like to setup an account for Cornish to add Town Forest and CREA trails as well as others that are appropriate. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Open Position – Frank Parks resignation created an opening for one voting member. Rickey agreed to move from being an alternate to being a voting member.

Possible new alternate Conservation Commission members were discussed.

Financial Report – Corey reviewed the Commission's finances:

Conservation Fund -	\$119970.56
CREA Dev. Fund -	\$6945.75
Palmer Fund -	\$14,713.64
B. Barker Mem. Fund -	\$2,471.86

There will be \$2040 from the Town's “Change of Use Tax” which will be deposited to the Conservation Fund.

We have spent all of this year's operating budget appropriation from the Town.

New Easement – In August he Spragues put an easement on the Putman Farm on Route 12A. Jim will put a folder with the pertinent information in the Easement File drawer.

Monitoring Map – At the request of the UVLSRPC Bill is reviewing a protected lands map. A few properties need to be added and adjusted.

Monitoring Update – Six properties have been monitored and one that is on a one or two year cycle was not. This property will be a priority for next year.

Outside Story – Bill informed us that Northern Woodlands has a new book out called The Outside Story. This is the second volume they have published with this title. It is a compilation of articles that have been published in the Valley News and other locations that focus on the natural world.

Water testing – The water testing is completed but the results still need to be picked up. Jim will be looking for someone to help interpret the results.

Conservation Award – Possible recipients were discussed. A final selection will be made at

our January meeting.

New Focus – Jim asked for input on a new major focus for the Commission. The Trail Finder and sponsoring regular nature walks on Cornish's property were mentioned. A project will be picked in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor