

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Public Hearing on Schad Easement
4.15.15

Public Hearing was convened at 7:05 by Jim Barker

Jim Barker gave a brief history of how and why the Schads purchased the former Fox property on East Road and their desire to conserve the land. He also discussed the three parcels that compose the property and that a sub-division had been approved by the Planning Board.

Peg Merrens, Upper Valley Land Trust, then described the property and its features, how the three parcels were structured and the allowable uses under the easement. She also mentioned that the Commission and the UVLT considered this property to be a keystone property that may entice other landowners in the area to also conserve their land. She also discussed how the requested \$10,000 would be used; legal and administrative expenses for three separate easements, one for each parcel.

Hearing was then open to discussion.

Members of the public made several comments.

- There is not currently pressure to develop surrounding land so the Commission's money may be better spent in areas where there may be pressure in the near future.
- Prime piece of land ripe for development and the Commission would be wise to help conserve it.
- Beautiful piece of land that should be conserved so we don't have a cluster of homes or trailers on it.
- It was pointed out that the land was currently under current use and the placement of the easement would not affect that amount of property tax paid.

No members of the public spoke specifically against the expenditure.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:40