

Cornish Conservation Commission Minutes
February 28, 2018

Present: Jim Barker, Stuart Wilkie, Bob Taylor, Dale Rook, John Barry, Bill Gallagher, Corey Fitch, John Hammond, Steven Wilkie, Rickey Poor, Jenny Schad,

Not present: Kimberly Patterson, Reyer Jaarsma, Deanna Fitch,

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jim Barker, Chair.

Bill moved to approve the January meeting minutes as written; Rickey seconded, approved unanimously.

The Cornish School District is involved in a project spearheaded by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding protecting drinking water. John Hammond believes it goes back to when there was an oil spill that infiltrated the drinking water supply at the school after which a filtration system was installed. Jim thinks we should send to them the reports from the water sampling tests that were done last year particularly from the sources close to the school.

John said there are a couple of issues regarding the drinking water at the fire department. Wayne has been working on this with the state, and a new surface well will be installed near the fire station.

Topical Reports:

Monitoring: (Rickey) Nothing new. Corey reported that Andrew is willing to return this spring to do some more GPS work in conjunction with our monitoring.

Education (Corey): The tracking seminar will be on March 17th – 9:00 – 11:00 at the CREA site. Corey will submit an announcement in Connect Cornish and will also reach out to Dale Lawrence to invite Cornish School students to the seminar. Seth Wilner is checking dates for the June gardening workshop.

Annual CCC Award: Rickey purchased the part of the awards that will be given to the recipients for them to keep. Jim has ordered the books that will be donated to the school on behalf of the recipients. Rickey and Jim worked together on the wording for the bookplates which Corey will now create and include the CCC logo on them.

The Annual School Meeting is on March 10th and the Town Meeting is on March 13th. Bill made a motion that we present the award at the School Meeting, Jenn seconded. Rickey suggested that we also make an announcement at the Annual Town Meeting.

Are we going to have a table at the annual town meeting this year? Jim suggested

perhaps a display on water sources/watershed addresses including the results from last year's water tests. A laminated enlarged print (approx. 2'x3') of the water map would be nice to have on display. That can be done at Staples. Jim will make sure that the water test results are posted on the CCC website and a posting of that directing people to the website will be on our display table.

Corey created a CCC YouTube channel and posted a video of the photographs taken by the drone in the fall. Corey also mentioned that we could post other videos – even not ones created by us but relevant to conservation – to the CCC YouTube channel. The link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/AAdm7o47fJU>

For the fall seminar, Corey suggested Scenic Roads, Wetlands & Beavers, or Invasive Species.

Jim spoke with Mike Bald who would be interested in speaking on Invasive Species which might be a good fall seminar topic.

The DES is looking for public input on drafting wetland rules. N.H. state legislature is voting on assembling a study commission to look at Current Use and its impact on small rural communities.

Upcoming Monthly Topics for the CCC Display Cases:

March:	Animal tracking and Conservation Award Recipients
April:	"Have you seen the beaver baffle?"
May:	CREA awareness
June:	Organic gardening

Rickey made a motion and Corey seconded to reimburse Jim \$50.28 for the books he purchased as part of the annual CCC award. Corey made a motion and Steve seconded to reimburse Rickey \$54.00, including postage, for the other awards.

As this was Dale's final meeting on the CCC, Jim thanked Dale for his many years of service on the Commission particularly regarding his assistance with monitoring efforts (and for bringing Judy along with him on many of them!).

Next meeting will be the election of officers. We will need a replacement for Dale as an appointed member, and Jim has asked that he no longer be Chairperson but would be open to being the Vice Chair.

Bob had made laminated copies of tracking information for the display cases.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary