

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2018

Present: Corey Fitch, Stuart Wilkie, Bill Gallagher, Bob Taylor, Reyer Jaarsma, Rickey Poor, Jim Barker

Not present: John Hammond, John Berry, Deanna Fitch, Kimberly Patterson, Steven Wilkie

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Corey Fitch, Chair.

Jim moved to approve the July meeting minutes as written; Rickey seconded, approved unanimously.

Topical Reports:

- Monitoring Report (Rickey)

Reyer has written his report for the Meyette property monitoring. Rickey will review it, finalize it, and send it to the appropriate parties.  
Next dates: Either August 29<sup>th</sup> or September 5<sup>th</sup> for two more properties.  
White Swan Farm will be monitored sometime in October.
- Education Report (Corey)
  - Fall workshop topic: Coyotes (Bill)
    - Chris Schadler <http://www.projectcoyote.org/about/chris-schadler/> from Project Coyote <http://www.projectcoyote.org> will be coming to speak on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. She charges \$200 to speak. She will help publicize the workshop. Corey will publicize the event in Connect Cornish.
  - Mushroom workshop (Bill): Probably planned for early spring.
  - We should also consider gathering information on conserving property which we could make available at our workshops, the Fair, Annual Meeting, etc.
  - Rickey suggested a potential idea could be to host the Caterpillar Lab in Marlborough, N.H. <http://www.thecaterpillarlab.org> either at the Cornish Fair or some other event.

Metal Plaques for Totem Pole (Jim) –

A framed list of all previous award recipients is now on display next to the Totem Pole in the Town Offices. Jim has received the plaques from Inland Products in California. We will install them at 6:30 p.m. prior to the September CCC meeting.

Corey received the banner which we can use at events to identify our group and displays.

Discussion of the NRI Section III.

The link to the Town of Cornish National Resources Inventory (NRI):

[http://www.cornishnh.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/CornishNRI\\_2013.pdf](http://www.cornishnh.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/CornishNRI_2013.pdf)

We discussed section III and Stuart took notes of the paragraphs that need modification and updating. Bob also mentioned a couple of errors in Section II that will also be corrected.

Weed Wrench: We can announce in Connect Cornish its loan availability. A video on how to use a weed wrench is available at <https://youtu.be/TCHgHjAduwA>

CREA Committee (Jim): There is a meeting Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> where they will take the pulse of the committee to see the level of interest of individuals. Jim will attend as the CCC representative.

Cornish Flat Swimming Area/Fire Pond:

The grass has been cut at least once. Stuart will check out the area and give an update at the September meeting. Rickey mentioned that there might be a need for a “Friends of the Cornish Flat Swimming Hole/Fire Pond” – Stuart is willing to spearhead such an effort and will reach out to potential interested parties.

At the September meeting, we will review Sections IV, V, and VI of the NRI.

October 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 3:00 (or until done) on the Yatsevitch property, there will be a work party to remove a few structures on the property.

Rickey and Jim will both miss the September meeting. Corey is going to reach out to two members of the Commission who have missed more than three consecutive meetings to gauge their interest in remaining on the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,  
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary