

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018

Present: Corey Fitch, Stuart Wilkie, Bill Gallagher, Bob Taylor, Deanna Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, John Berry, Rickey Poor,

Not present: Jim Barker, John Hammond, Kimberly Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Corey Fitch, Chair.

Bill moved to approve the November meeting minutes as written; Reyer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Topical Reports:

- Monitoring Report (Rickey):
Monitoring is completed for the year! For 2019 we will try to do White Swan Farm earlier in the year and also do Brian Meyette's property which was not monitored in 2018 as that is on an every-other-year monitoring schedule.
- Education Report (Corey):
 - Land Conservation Talk – Mid-winter (Corey) The Upper Valley Land Trust is willing to assist with this and will send a person to lead the talk. We should probably think about sending some targeted publicity to get the word out about this talk to specific landowners as well as general publicity in Connect Cornish and other outlets.
 - Mushroom Workshop – March 16, 2019 in the a.m. at Town Hall (Bill)
 - Birding - May

By-laws discussion: Corey has redrafted some proposed changes to Article II, Membership, of the CCC By-laws and handed them out to everyone present. There are three primary changes to this section being proposed at this time. The Commission discussed each one individually. Rickey made a motion and Bill seconded to accept the changes to Section 2, Alternate Members, as proposed. Bill made a motion and Rickey seconded to accept the proposed changes to Section 4, Attendance, as proposed. Rickey made a motion and Bill seconded to accept the proposed changes to Section 6, Termination, as proposed. In addition to the changes to the sections in Article II, Reyer made a motion and Bill seconded to accept the proposed changes to Article V, Meetings; Section 1, Regular Meetings, as proposed. All of these motions passed unanimously and will be reflected in the by-laws as posted on the Commission's page on the town website.

New Regular Member – Ideas? Deanna doesn't feel that this is the best time for her to become a Regular Member and would rather remain an Alternate Member for now. So we are looking for an additional Regular Member. We will start recruitment efforts for new members after the start of the new year.

Conservation Award – the Commission has the option to choose a recipient of the annual Conservation Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting in March. There was some discussion about possibilities and further discussion will happen at the January meeting.

Water at School and Fairgrounds – Corey was approached by Bill Knight who is now managing facilities at the Elementary School. Bill Knight is looking for a Conservation Commission member to meet with him a few mornings over the next couple of months to discuss the source water for the school and fairgrounds. Some more information about this request of Bill's is needed before anyone is willing to commit. A postcard from the Cornish School District has been received by a few folks regarding parking near the wells close to the school.

Hunting on CREA – Corey e-mailed New Hampshire Fish & Game about the observed illegal hunting on the CREA property. They suggested installing trail cameras and also installing more permanent signage regarding hunting on the CREA property. We should keep following up on this topic so we are ensured of a solution before hunting season begins in the fall of 2019. Corey will talk to Dale Lawrence to encourage the CREA Committee's taking the lead on this effort.

NRI – Section IX Review - Stuart took notes as to some suggested changes to Section IX for the next version of the NRI including commentary on some of the achievements of the CCC since the publication of the last NRI.

There was some discussion about what the CCC should have on display at the Annual Meeting in March 2019. Anyone with additional suggestions for this should send those to Corey. Rickey has the town water map that can be on display at the Annual Meeting.

The January 2019 CCC Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary