

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2019

Present: Corey Fitch, Stuart Wilkie, Deanna Fitch, Bob Taylor, Reyer Jaarsma, Jim Barker, John Hammond, Rickey Poor

Guest: Heidi Jaarsma

Not present: Bill Gallagher, John Berry, Kimberly Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Corey Fitch, Chair.

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

Heidi handed out the report detailing the Funds of the Conservation Commission. Some discussion ensued regarding the various Funds. All appears well.

Topical Reports:

- Monitoring Report (Rickey):  
Nothing new to report.
- Education Report (Corey):
  - Land Conservation Talk – The February 2019 CCC Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. starting with a Land Conservation Talk led by Megan Chapman, Conservation Project Manager at the Upper Valley Land Trust. Megan will talk about past conservation projects in Cornish and opportunities and options available for protecting additional natural resources and lands in our community. The talk will be followed by an abbreviated CCC meeting. 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 (Corey)
    - Probably need to have advance registration
    - Corey will reach out to the instructor to get more information
  - Birding – May. Rickey will reach out to Jody Schubert who will be leading this workshop on the CREA property

New Regular Member – Ideas? A few names were mentioned, and Corey will reach out to some individuals. Stuart will put an announcement in Connect Cornish asking for volunteers to serve on the Commission.

Land for sale abutting CREA – we discussed some of the pros and cons regarding the purchase of this land for a significant solar panel installation. Further information is necessary before a final decision will be made. If the land is still for sale in the spring, members from the CCC will walk the property to assess the practicality and suitability of the CCC's purchasing the land.

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. A candidate was nominated and approved unanimously.

Hunting on CREA – A fish and game warden inspected the CREA property and could not find any evidence of anyone shooting a deer or other game on the property. Starting in late summer, we will put notices in Connect Cornish regarding the prohibition of hunting on CREA property. We will also post more signage on the property.

There was some discussion about what the CCC should have on display at the Annual Meeting in March 2019. After much discussion about numerous potential display topics, we settled on a single display regarding the new recycling guidelines and various costs to the town. Corey will talk with Mike Monette about a display.

Corey had distributed a draft of the CCC's submission for the Town Annual Report and we discussed some edits and additions to that. Corey will incorporate the suggestions and resend a final draft to all members tomorrow (January 24<sup>th</sup>) for review and final comments so he can submit the final version by Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,  
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary