

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

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

Not present: Jim Barker, Kimberly Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Corey Fitch, Chair.

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

New member interest: we have three people who responded to the Connect Cornish posting: Cindy Heath, Jody Schubert, and Monica Matthews. Corey will keep in touch with them and hopefully they will get involved in the near future.

Topical Reports:

- Monitoring Report:
 - It's time to start thinking about scheduling monitoring for this year. Charlie Shurcliff property along the river will probably be monitored in August.
- Education Report (Corey)
 - Mushroom Workshop - Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
 - The workshop is full at this point, and there is a waiting list.
 - Bird Walk with Jody Schubert - May 11 at 7:30 a.m., meet at Town Hall
- Events around the area:
 - Beaver Talk recap – Bill and Corey attended with Skip Lyle presenting about different types of beaver baffles. If we were to do a Beaver Workshop, probably invite a beaver expert to talk for about 30 minutes and then Skip to present his Beaver Deceivers for about 15 or 20 minutes.
 - Tues Apr 30 7:30: PEC/CEC ENERGY COMMITTEES' Meeting, Philip Read
 - Sat, May 4, 9-11: CREA Clean-up
 - Thu, May 9, 5:30: All About Fiddleheads, Claremont
 - Bird Walks everywhere

Potential topics for future workshops:

Children's workshop – maybe something in streams or with water?
Fossil program? – Deanna will follow up with woman from the Montshire
Bear workshop with Ben Kilham – maybe during February vacation
Southern Vermont Discovery Center/Natural History Museum?
Caterpillar Laboratory – at the Cornish Fair?
Dode Gladders – Forestry Field Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension

- Green display/communication boxes
 - Kimberly will update them all once a month. We will provide content.
 - Should we move the one at the general store to the recycling center?
Colleen is fine with it. Corey will check with Mike.
 - Update for May – combat invasives such as barberry
 - Update for June – town forest map, walking trails
 - Update for July – fire pond/swimming hole
 - General Ideas: “invasives in season” “what’s out now?”
 - Rolling calendar of events
- Town committee minutes will be reviewed by different CCC members who will bring any relevant topics to future CCC meetings.
 - Selectboard - Corey
 - Planning Board - Stuart
 - Zoning Board - Rickey
 - NHACC -
- Town committee reps
 - CREA - Jim
 - Town Forest - Reyer
 - Energy – Jim
- Slideshow from UVLT talk (everyone should review with a focus on impacts and actions section and we will discuss at the May meeting)
 - https://uvlt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UVLT-3_19_19.pdf

- Award plaques for the totem pole at the Town Offices – should we add one each year or wait and order a few years' worth of them at once? Corey will follow up with Jim
- Current term expiration dates of existing Regular Members
 - Corey Fitch, Chairperson (2020)
 - Jim Barker (2019)
 - Stuart Wilkie, Secretary (2019)
 - Rickey Poor (2019)
 - Bill Gallagher (2019)
 - Reyer Jaarsma (2019)
 - Vacant Regular Member (2020)
- Rickey moved and Bill seconded that Corey's and Stuart's terms will be extended to 2022. Rickey's and Jim's terms will be extended to 2021. Bill's, Reyer's, and the Vacant Position's terms will be extended to 2020. All positions are three-year terms through the annual town meeting of that year.

We still have an opening for Vice Chair/Treasurer.

John Hammond mentioned there is an "intent to cut" at Coopers' on Hildreth Lane. Ehrhard Frost filed a forestry wetlands notification to the State of NH to repair a failed box culvert.

The stump dump has been closed at the recycling center until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary