

## **Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 25, 2019**

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

Not present: Deanna Fitch, Rickey Poor, Monica Matthews, Jody Schubert, John Hammond, Jim Barker, Cindy Heath, Kimberly Patterson

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

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

- Monitoring Report (Rickey via Corey):
  - Back Achers East and West have been walked. Cindy H and Jim B joined Rickey.
  - Shurcliff and Neidecker properties have been walked. Monica M joined Rickey.
  - White Swan Farm is scheduled for Sat Oct 5 with a rain date of the afternoon of the 6th. Jody Schubert will join Rickey, and Rickey will be sending out an invitation to other members soon.
- Education Report (Corey)
  - Bear Talk with Ben Kilham was well received with over 100 people in attendance.
  - Climate Resilient Forests - Dode Gladders Wed Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Town Offices.
  - Upcoming Events Around Town
    - Tick Talk, Tomorrow, 6:30, Hartland Library
    - Secret Lives of Bats, Oct 19, Marsh-BR
    - Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont, Oct 26, Marsh-BR
    - Climate Change, Nov 9, Marsh-BR
- Display Boxes
  - Let's try updating them each season rather than monthly since that doesn't seem to be working.
  - What can we do for the winter?
- Town minutes report
  - NHACC - Corey
    - Annual Meeting, Nov 2, Nature & The Economy  
\$60 before 10/19, \$70 after
    - [Financial Case for Conservation](#)

- Selectboard - Corey – Dredging of the fire pond is complete, looks decent
- Planning Board - Stuart – July meeting extensive discussion and vote on the communications tower proposal just outside of the Flat
- Zoning Board – Rickey – not present
- Town committee reps
  - CREA – the CREA barn paint prep party occurred on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>. George Edson has now sprayed the bottom of the barn. There was a nice turnout of approximately 15 people.
  - Town Forest – Committee met for a workday and meeting on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Trying to work with an Antioch College student to develop a Natural Resources Inventory or a Bio blitz of parts of the forest involving townspeople. Carried in some repurposed Trex which will be used to build a walkway with chicken wire on the surface to increase traction.
  - “No Hunting” signs at CREA – we need to take a look and figure out where we might need some more. Probably around the barn going east and near the soccer field (along Parsonage Road). Need to be installed high enough so they can’t be easily torn down – and also set in about 50 yards or so.

Dale Rook Memorial Tree: What is planted there is a Bradford Pear but has been identified as an invasive. We should reconsider the type of tree we want to plant. Reyer will talk with some others to come up with a few suggestions to bring back to Judy for her input. <https://arbordayblog.org/misc/trees/the-bradford-pear-is-it-the-right-tree-for-you/>

Conservation Commission Award: we should start to think about nominees for the Annual Meeting.

Next meeting is October 23, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,  
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary