

## **Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes December 4, 2019**

Present: Corey Fitch, Stuart Wilkie, Bill Gallagher, Reyer Jaarsma, John Berry, Bob Taylor, Monica Matthews, Jody Schubert, Jim Barker, Cindy Heath,

Not present: Deanna Fitch, Rickey Poor, John Hammond, Kimberly Patterson

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

Jody moved to approve the October meeting minutes as written; Monica seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Monitoring Report (Reyer) – Brian Meyette property will be monitored on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. Brian will join with the goal of finding the pin on the corner of his property.

- Education Report (Corey)

  - Climate Resilient Forests – Dode Gladders

  - Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

  - Reimburse \$19.47 for posters (Palmer Fund)

Jody made a motion and Jim seconded to reimburse Corey \$19.47 from the Palmer Fund for making posters to advertise the talk on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Late Winter/Early Spring Event Ideas

Snowshoe walk in Town Forest

Tom Wessels: Book entitled “Reading the Forested Landscape”

Talk entitled “Co-evolution, Resiliency, and Stability” for \$600.

A two-and-half hour interpretive hike \$500.

Four-hour talk/hike combo \$700.

Caterpillar Laboratory starts in April – Corey stopped by to check it out. They have some great displays – flexible with their program offerings. Possibly bring them up to set up a display at and coordinate with the school.

Jody mentioned how great it would be to create a talk based on the Natural Resources Inventory document. It’s a great story and should be told. Start by putting a link to the NRI in Connect Cornish.

- Upcoming Events Around Town

  - Energy Committee Presentation, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

- Display Boxes
  - What can we do for the fall/winter? Wildlife Tracking perhaps.

Submit other suggestions via this Google Doc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c7W1cx2nZeLn13JNEr1sF31H6XQ5pHaqQwax494xzF4/edit?usp=sharing>

- NHACC Recap - Corey

Corey highly recommends attending the NHACC annual meeting. There are a lot of great sessions offered.

Jim made a motion and Jody seconded to reimburse Corey \$60 for the admission ticket and also for mileage at a rate from the Operating Budget

- Links to [Slides](#) and [Video](#) from the NHACC meeting.

- Town minutes reports

- Selectboard - Corey – no new meeting minutes

○ Planning Board - Stuart – there have been approvals of a couple of different annexations in town (Thrasher Road and Town House Road). Jim Liggett has come to the Planning Board regarding a Proposed Zoning Amendment not only for his own business but for future businesses in town. Link to those meeting minutes are here:

<http://www.cornishnh.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/11-21-19-PB-Minutes.pdf>

- Zoning Board – Rickey not present

- Town committee reps

○ CREA (Jim) – CREA clean-up happened which went well. Reyer cleaned up some trees next to the observation house that had fallen. There will be more to clean up as the pines grow and the water level increases due to beaver activity. There are a lot of invasive flora on the property – particularly around the barn to the observation house.

- Town Forest (Reyer) – nothing new to report

- Invite Justin Shaw from GSRWA to visit a CCC meeting – topic: how to educate people on testing their own water

- Invite Skip, new Cornish Road Agent, to visit a CCC meeting – perhaps January?  
– topics to include scenic roads
- [Town Report Page](#) (Due Jan 17)
- Annual Budget (Due Dec 13)
  - 2019, keep the same for 2020?
    - \$4,500 warrant article for the Conservation Fund
    - \$750 for the Operating Budget

Jim made a motion and Monica seconded that we submit the same budget requests to the town for 2020 as were approved for 2019.  
Approved unanimously.
- Water Testing
  - VRAP Kit, \$2,000+, possible [grants](#)
- Dale Rook Tree/Plaque – need to do more research into the possibilities for the variety of tree that we can purchase and plant in honor of Dale.
- NRI Files – Stuart needs to incorporate updated language into the existing NRI
- Survey – Corey will email a link to a brief survey he created to solicit feedback on the CCC, our mission, and where we should focus moving forward.

Next meeting is January 22, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,  
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary