

## **Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 22, 2020**

Present: Corey Fitch, Stuart Wilkie, Bill Gallagher, Reyer Jaarsma, John Berry, Bob Taylor, John Hammond, Rickey Poor, Jim Barker, Jody Schubert,

Not present: Monica Matthews, Cindy Heath, Deanna Fitch, Kimberly Patterson

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

Jim moved to approve the December 2019 meeting minutes as written; Reyer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Monitoring Report (Rickey and Reyer) – Brian Meyette’s property was monitored by Reyer on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and was joined by Brian. Rickey is hoping to monitor the Neidecker property during the winter/early spring for better visibility and access which has been impeded due to the blow-down near the stream. Ideally we would like to locate the granite marker on the property.

- Education Report (Corey)

- Tom Wessels

- Book entitled “Reading the Forested Landscape”

- Talk entitled “Co-evolution: a model for sustainability” for \$600.

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

- Four-hour talk/hike combo \$700.

- Invasives Workday at CREA Lionel Chute – Sullivan County Naturalist

- First step would be to do a site visit and come up with a plan

- CREA Bird Walk in spring led by Jody Schubert – perhaps in May

- John mentioned that maybe a talk on birdhouses – even get the ones on CREA replaced. Talk could address which birds are attracted to what types of birdhouses.

The approach to the bridge on CREA is rotting and in need of repair/replacement. Jim will talk to Dale Lawrence about this.

- Upcoming Events Around Town

- Marshland Farms: Working Woodlands Workshops

- On Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a 3-hour walk in Yatsevitch Forest  
<https://forestsociety.org/event/timber-harvest-tour-cornish>
- Sustainable Lifestyle Tea/Talk Sundays in February

About 30 people showed up for the talk presented by Dode Gladders. Recap is on the Conservation Commission webpage.

- 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>

- Town minutes reports
  - Selectboard - Corey – no new minutes posted
  - Planning Board - Stuart – there was some discussion on the proposed changed to the Expanded Cottage Industry zoning ordinance which will now be voted on by town residents at the annual meeting in March.
  - Zoning Board – Rickey -
- Town committee reps
  - CREA (Jim) – Nothing new to report
  - Town Forest (Reyer) – some new signage will be added in the forest
- Cornish Road Agent, Skip Erskine, to visit at February CCC meeting
- Justin Shaw - GSRWA visit at March CCC meeting
- [Wetlands Rules](#)
- 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. Reyer has spoken with Monica who believes she knows of a pear tree variant that would be more appropriate for the Conservation Commission to plant in Dale's honor.
- NRI Files – Stuart needs to incorporate updated language into the existing NRI

- Cindy and Jody spoke and will collaborate on something that could be placed in Connect Cornish educating people on the NRI and then put together a program that we can present on some of the more interesting components of the report.
- [NH Coverts](#) Workshop May 13-16 (\$50 including lodging – and the CCC will pay for anyone to attend)
- Town meeting display – we will have the tri-fold display there again – it would also be nice to have some handouts as well
- Heidi Jaarsma will come to a CCC meeting to discuss the Master Plan and our annual budget.
- Survey/Looking ahead – Corey shared some general results from the internal survey of the CCC members. We will dedicate most of February's meeting to brainstorm about how to put these suggestions and ideas into action.
- Bill suggested that people take advantage of the happenings at the Cornish Store and to encourage participation.

Next meeting is February 26, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,  
Stuart Wilkie, Secretary