

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

Present: Corey Fitch, Bill Gallagher, Reyer Jaarsma, Rickey Poor, Cindy Heath, Bob Taylor

Not present: Deanna Fitch, Jody Schubert, John Hammond, Kimberly Patterson, Jim Barker, John Berry, Stuart Wilkie

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Corey Fitch, Chair.

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

Scenic Road Hearing (Corey)

- Will take place in August
- Tree cutting list is available from Eversource
- Onsite tour of trees to be scheduled
- Previous cutting was amicable

Dale Rook's Tree (Reyer)

- Monica will recommend a pear tree variety to Reyer
- Placement of plaque to be determined by Judy and Reyer

Monitoring Report (Rickey)

- Suggestions for modifications to monitoring process due to COVID-19 were made
- Monitoring should take place independently, rather than in groups
- Most properties may be monitored from the road
- Monitors should avoid walking in the woods alone
- Reduce contact, avoid visiting homes
- Bring and wear a mask
- Contact landowner in advance to let them know the date/time of monitoring visit

Whitewater Watershed Action Plan (Corey)

- Plan will be presented to Cornish Selectboard and Claremont City Council

- The watershed is the most valuable drinking water asset for Claremont
- Corey will email the document to Commission members
- Working group included members of the Claremont City Council and Public Works, Lionel Chute, Corey Fitch, and guest speakers
- [Read the Plan](#)

Motion to approve a \$250 payment to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions by Rickey, seconded by Cindy. The motion passed unanimously.

- Cindy will ask Mary Curtis to write the check and send it to NHACC
- Funds will come out of the operational budget
- Corey will provide Cindy with information on where to send the check

Cornish Swimming Hole (Corey)

- Made possible with Land & Water Conservation Funds
- Added railing, sand beach
- Needs mowing by the town, currently being done by volunteers
- Steep slope makes it difficult to mow the area
- Corey will send a letter to the selectboard
- Cindy will explore developing a 'Friends of the Cornish Swimming Hole' group and reach out to interested residents

Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge (Corey)

- Rip rap and center abutment repair pending
- Approved by DES

CCC Information Box Suggestions (Corey)

- Bob will research and post information on wild parsnip

Weed Wrench (Corey)

- Available at Town Offices for projects, located upstairs in meeting room
- Access to Town Offices by appointment

Financials (Cindy)

- Report provided previously to all Commission members
- \$150K in Conservation Fund
- Explore land surround Mayette's to support wildlife corridor
- Corey to talk to Planning Board about water overlays

Appointment of Officers

- Nominations: Reyer, Bill, Bob, Cindy to be reappointed for 3 year terms
- Motion by Rickey, seconded by Corey to reappoint Reyer, Bill, Bob, and Cindy for 3 year terms. Motion approved unanimously.
- Deanna Fitch has resigned from the Commission.

Other (Cindy)

- New recycling opportunities available include Hannaford's (all plastic film), Cornish Store (box for Tom's of Maine and other personal hygiene products)

Next meeting will be announced by Corey Fitch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,
Cindy Heath, Secretary Pro Tem