

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 28, 2020

Present: Corey Fitch, Bill Gallagher, Reyer Jaarsma, Bob Taylor, Jody Schubert, Jim Barker, John Hammond, John Berry, Rickey Poor (remote), Cindy Heath (remote)

Not present: Monica Matthews, Kimberly Patterson, Stuart Wilkie

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

Jim moved to approve the September 2020 meeting minutes as written; Bill seconded with one edit. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Monitoring
 - There are two properties left to monitor, Kneidecker and Schurcliff, Monica has committed to monitor them.
 - Reyer monitored Mayettes.
 - All other properties have been monitored and reports have been submitted.
- Corey spoke with Judy and worked on a plan to plant the tree in the spring along with holding a dedication ceremony. Corey will work with Monica to select a tree for Dale's conservation award.
- NHACC Annual Meeting (via zoom)
 - Corey made an announcement that the meeting would be held on Nov 7
- CCC Award
 - The award was briefly discussed
- Antioch Grad Student Collaborative Service Initiative
 - Corey submitted the application which was focused on Invasive Species mapping and mitigation planning.
 - Antioch got back to us saying that they were talking with their students for a possible summer program.
- Vital Communities Conservation Listserv
 - There is a new listserv that focuses on Conservation events, discussion, and resources. It is open for all to sign up.
- Town Forest Project
 - Bill and Reyer reported notes from the town forest meeting
 - There is a logging project on a 20ac piece along Root Hill. The water bards need some attention but the road is in better shape than it has been.
 - The lean-to needs a new roof
 - There has been an increase in biking and hiking traffic
 - Designating the town forest as a Tree Farm, which is in the management plan, was discussed.
- CREA Trail Maintenance

- Dale Lawrence organised a fall trail clean-up at CREA. Email her to let her know which trail you are working on.
- Town Meeting - Scenic Roads
 - Corey and Jody will work on a scenic road display for Town Meeting. If there is not a town meeting, perhaps the information could be posted in Connect Cornish
- John H mentioned that the town crew dredged the firepond.
- Connect Cornish Posts
 - Jody and Cindy are planning a series of Connect Cornish posts that cover topics from the NRI.
- Ideas for which property might be best to next conserve were discussed.

Next meeting is December 9, 2020 @ 7 p.m. upstairs at the Town Offices with a Zoom option.

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

Respectively submitted,
Corey Fitch, Chair