

CCC Agenda - 03.24.21

Attending: Corey Fitch, Cindy Heath, John Hammond, Rickey Poor, Bob Taylor, Jody Schubert, John Berry

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Corey Fitch.

Approval of 2.24.21 Minutes

- **Motion** by Rickey Poor, seconded by Cindy Heath to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes. **Unanimously approved.**

Connect Cornish Posts

- Performing well, 30+ clicks for NRI post.
- Should we spread out the topics or adjust the schedule? Cindy & Jody will research and report back. Maybe some of Jim's content could be incorporated into other articles.
- Consider climate change related articles for 2022.
- Aquifer tests available, suggest including in the aquifer article.

Drone flight on CREA

- Will is still willing to do this project, possibly when the ice goes out.

Dale Rook Memorial Tree

- Tree has been ordered, a Thundercloud Plum tree.
- Possible installation and ceremony in April.

12% Box

- Looks great, kudos to Bob Taylor. Next topic will be vernal pools, with possible focus on pollinators in the summer.

Beaver Baffles on Tandy Brook Road

- The baffle has been removed within the last week, but not by the Highway Department.
- The Highway Department is investigating.
- The dam is on the downstream side of the culvert, so it's important to have the culvert water flow stabilized so the culvert doesn't become clogged.

Upper Valley Land Trust - Land Conservation Efforts

- Megan Chapman is interested in working with the Commission to expand land conservation in Cornish. Funds are available through the Land Trust for farmland preservation. Megan will be attending our April meeting to discuss further.
- Discussions have taken place with various residents about conserving land for wildlife corridors, forest land protection, contiguous land conservation, and water quality protection.
- We should begin to consider exploring the impacts of solar installations, which are becoming more popular.
- For conversations with landowners who are exploring land conservation steps, referral to the Upper Valley Land Trust and the Natural Resources Inventory was suggested.

Expiring Member Terms

- Jody will shift to being a regular member
- Rickey will become an alternate
- Kimberly will be removed as a regular member.
- Jim Barker has resigned after many years of service, and his contributions are much appreciated.
- Monica would like to continue as a regular member.
- John Berry will continue to be an alternate.

Climate Action Workshops & Climate Change Academy

- Cindy is attending the Vital Communities Climate Leadership Academy and learned that Claremont Conservation Commission is offering a series of ZOOM workshops that might be of interest to Commission members.
 - Link: <https://www.claremontnh.com/environmental-education>
- We could consider adding climate change discussions to the Commission agenda.
- Cindy is willing to report on the activities of the workshops through May.

Open Space Institute Grant

- Rickey attended the orientation call for the [Open Space Institute Forest Preservation Grant](#). The grant proposals are due April 19 and we aren't prepared to propose a particular parcel at this point. Corey will discuss the grant opportunities with Megan Chapman.

Next Meeting: April 28 outside, weather permitting

Jody moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Heath, Secretary Pro-Tem

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