

## Cornish Conservation Commission (CCC) Minutes – 07-28-21

### **Attending in Person:**

Members: Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Vice-Chair; Bill Gallagher, Linda Leone (Secretary Pro-Tem), Monica Matthews

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor

Select Board Representative: Dillon Gallagher

**Absent Regular Members:** Cindy Heath, Reyer Jaarsma

**Absent Alternate Members:** Rickey Poor, John Berry

Corey Fitch called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The meeting was held outside at the Fitch farm field.

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### **ACTION ITEMS: Numbered by associated agenda item**

**3. New Water Member:** Jody Schubert will re-post the ad in Connect Cornish.

**4. NRI Updates:** Corey Fitch will try to track down the original document that Linda can edit with Stuart Wilkie's updates.

**5. Right-To-Know:** It was noted that future meeting notification would be made not only by Corey Fitch at cornishnh.net but also by Bob Taylor with a posting at the Town Offices.

**6. Planning Board Master Plan Update:** Corey Fitch and Jody Schubert plan to attend the August 5 Planning Board meeting to be held at 7pm upstairs at the Town Offices; Linda Leone will attend as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

### **7. Other Business:**

b) Standing Committees: Corey will follow at the September meeting.

c) Education Committee: Cindy Health and Jody Schubert will keep Bob Taylor in the loop. Corey Fitch will supply an article on water quality testing.

e) New Hampshire Assoc. of Conservation Commissions Handbook: Corey will purchase copies for the CCC and for any member who would like one. (Jody, Linda, Dillon, and Cindy asked for copies. Other members wanting a copy should tell Corey.)

f) Glyphosate Letter: The CCC will follow as necessary to establish a chain of notification to the CCC and/or Town of Cornish when the Dept of Agriculture and/or DOT schedules removal of invasive plants in the area.

g) Selection of Harry Bliss Cartoon for Award: Corey will update CCC at the September meeting.

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## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2021 MEETING:**

Corey asked if there was any discussion or change to be made to the draft minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting as posted. Bill Gallagher said that it was he who seconded the motion to approve the May minutes. Jody Schubert motioned to approve the June minutes including this change. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion and the June minutes were approved unanimously.

Linda Leone asked the members if there were any comments on the new minutes' format. There were none.

### **2. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** See Other Business.

### **3. CCC RECRUITS NEW WATER MEMBER:**

[\(LINK to Conservation Committee Water Member Profile\)](#) Jody Schubert reported that there had been no response to the ad.

**ACTION:** See Above.

### **4. NRI UPDATES:**

The members noted that the only map that may need update is the Conserved Land map. It was noted that there is no map of culverts in Cornish

**ACTION:** See Above

### **5. RIGHT-TO-KNOW:**

Several members had listened to the Right-To-Know presentation sponsored by the NH Association of Conservation Districts [\(LINK to NHACD Program on RSA 91-A Public Body\)](#) and discussed the CCC's adherence to the regulations. The CCC members are aware of requirements around emailing each other contemporaneously, what constitutes a meeting [\(LINK to Is It A Meeting Flow Chart\)](#) and are attentive to the need for transparency with the public.

Linda Leone said she would implement a modified process for communicating and gaining approval of minutes going forward:

1. She will produce a set of draft minutes within 5 days following a meeting; these will be posted on google docs and cornishnh.net;
2. Any immaterial edits (typos, grammatical errors, etc.) may be made by members online or by telling Linda until the following meeting;
3. Any substantive changes or discussion will take place at the next meeting, and the minutes will then be approved at that meeting as final;
4. The final minutes will be posted timely on google docs and cornishnh.net.

**ACTION:** See Above.

### **6. PLANNING BOARD MASTER PLAN UPDATE:**

Linda Leone (an alternate member of the Planning Board) noted that the Planning Board will begin its update of its Master Plan at its August 5 meeting. The Planning Board will start with a review of the VISION Section ([LINK to 7-2021 VISION DRAFT](#)) of the plan. The CCC may also be interested in the Community Survey of 2007, the data of which was used extensively in the Master Plan ([LINK to 2007 Community Survey](#)) ([LINK to Survey Comments](#))

**ACTION:** See Above.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS**

a) UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION [LINK to NHARPC.ORG](#) It was noted by Bill Gallagher that Cornish's membership at the RPC should be reconsidered. Cornish no longer has a seat at the table and may be missing critical participation in planning as well as discounted pricing for consultation. **ACTION:** Corey will email the RPC to discuss and report to the Board of Selectmen and the CCC.

b) STANDING COMMITTEES: See Above.

c) EDUCATION COMMITTEE: See Above.

d) SURFACE WATER: No follow up.

e) NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION HANDBOOK:  
Corey Fitch reported that the NHACC has produced a new handbook replacing the current/2004 edition.

**ACTION:** See Above.

f) GLYPHOSATE LETTER

Corey Fitch read the 7/15/21 letter from the NH Dept. of Agriculture ([LINK to 7-15-21 NH Dept of Ag Letter](#)) in response to his letter re: use of glyphosate. The NH Dept. of Agriculture did not offer any chain of notification to Cornish nor respond specifically to any of the CCC's expressed concerns about invasive management practices by the NHDOT.

**ACTION:** See Above.

g) SELECTION OF HARRY BLISS CARTOON FOR AWARD:

**ACTION:** See Above.

h) MOWING AT SWIMMING HOLE IN THE FLAT:

Dillon Gallagher reported that mowing had been completed. He also noted that the swimming hole has no trap door at the bottom, just an emergency spillway. Silt cannot be effectively controlled by drainage; it would have to be dredged eventually.

## **8. NEXT MEETING:**

The CCC next meeting will be held in the Fitch field on Dingleton Road at 5:30pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Jody Schubert motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.