

CCC Minutes April 27, 2022 Meeting

Attending

Members: Corey Fitch Chair, Jody Schubert Co-Chair, Linda Leone, Secretary, Glenn Griffin, Cindy Heath (via Zoom)

Alternate Members: Rickey Poor (via zoom), Bob Taylor

BOS Representative: John Hammond

Absent:

Members: Monica Matthews, Reyer Jaarsma

ACTION ITEMS from the April 27, 2022 Meeting:

1. **Possible CCC Alternate Member candidate Anna Hubbard:** Corey will meet with her and update the CCC.
2. **Cindy's formal membership:** Cindy will confirm that the BOS swore her in as a formal CCC member.
3. **Cornish Library Donations in Honor of Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker:** Corey will research Chelsea Green Books for other suggestions; Jody will contact Librarian Stephanie McAndrew to determine how these honorary donations may be made and whether the Library already owns the books.
4. **Planning Board Survey Questionnaire:** Corey, Linda and Glenn will meet to draft a response for the Planning Board's May 5 meeting. Cindy and Jody will prepare their draft questions and suggestions. Linda will ascertain from Heidi Jaarsma if CCC may submit their ideas later than the May 5 Planning Board meeting.
5. **NHDOT Letter of 2/22:** Corey will reach out to NHDOT Arin Mills, Sr. Environmental Manager, to get clarification on their project plan for the bridge which is scheduled for work in 2023.
6. **PFAS Water Quality Issues at the Elementary School:** Jody will call Justin Ranney to ask when this issue will be on the School Board agenda.

DISCUSSION

1. Call to Order by Corey Fitch at 7:01pm.
2. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting ([Draft Minutes 3-23-22](#)). Glenn motioned that the minutes be approved; Jody seconded and the minutes were approved as distributed.
3. CCC Members ([CCC Members](#))
 - a. Resignation of John Berry, Alternate Member: Corey announced that John is resigning effective immediately due to other commitments.

- b. Corey to explore possible candidate as a new alternate member; her name is Anna Hubbard, a recent Cornish resident. Action: Corey will meet with her and update the CCC.
 - c. Cindy will confirm her swearing in as a CCC member by the BOS.
 - d. Suggestions for a tribute to Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker: Books suggested included: something by Wendell Berry for Bill; Choice White Pines and Good Land, an atlas by the CT Joint Rivers entitled "As the Great River Rises", "The Eager Beaver" published by Chelsea Green. ACTION: Corey will research Chelsea Green Books for other suggestions; Jody will contact Librarian Stephanie McAndres to determine how these honorary donations may be made and whether the Library already owns the books.
- 4. Treasurer's Report ([Jan-Mar 2022](#)) Cindy reported: no changes since last month, interest rates have risen. No other activity.
- 5. CT River Joint Commission - Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee ([CT River Joint Commission - Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee](#)) Jody reported: she will attend the May 2 meeting with Colleen O'Neill in Windsor to observe. Jeff Plant is also a member from Cornish and will be attending on May 2. She will report back to the CCC.
- 6. Action Items from the March Meeting
 - a. Conservation Notes: ([CCC Notes Publication Schedule](#)) Corey reported that last month only QR codes from Events Poster have been used recently, very little activity.
 - b. Funds Review, Return to 100% LUCT: This is on hold for the moment while Corey researches what other towns are doing. John suggested putting it in a warrant article w/appropriate communication and outreach explaining the benefit of more funds going to CCC.
 - c. Land Monitoring: Rickey will talk to Reyer about scheduling a visit on Brian Meyette's land.
 - d. CCC Presentation Materials ([Wild About Cornish Flyers and Posters](#)) Corey thanked Bob for designing relevant and eye-catching boxes with the event posters.
- 7. Planning Board Master Plan: 34-question survey ([Survey in googledocs](#)) Questions edited in googledoc. Action: Corey, Linda and Glenn will meet to draft a response for the Planning Board's May 5 meeting. Linda will reconfirm with Heidi/Planning Board Secretary if CCC can have more time to submit their final suggestions. Cindy will provide draft recreation questions; Jody will provide her draft suggestions to Corey/Linda/Glenn for their meeting.
- 8. Subcommittee Reports: the list has been modified to reflect Bill Gallagher's resignation from the CCC. ([Subcommittees](#)). Corey said the subcommittees can consider themselves on hold as necessary to allow the NRI update to supersede their activities.
 - a. Land Conservation Plan
 - i. Cole Easement Planning. Jody met with Brian Hotz (SPNHF) and the Coles to discuss their options, in the hopes of resolving this in 2022. We are awaiting their feedback.
 - ii. Corey is waiting for UVLT to look at Bill Ladd's property.
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan
 - i. NH DOT Letter of 2/17 re: Bridge Repair ([NH DOT Letter 2/17/22](#)). CCC members and John Hammond looked at the bridge and did not see as much damage as the NHDOT indicated. Action: Corey will reach out to NHDOT Arin Mills, Sr.

- Environmental Manager, to get clarification on their project plan for the bridge which is scheduled for work in 2023.
- ii. Update: Justin Ranney/Water Quality Issues at the School. PFAS. John Hammond said the school is looking for funding and anticipates that the state will contribute to a new well. Action: Jody will call Justin to ask when this issue would come up.
 - c. Education Plan
 - i. Conservation Notes for April 2022. Cindy has finished her article entitled “Cornish Flood Plains and Their Gift to Regenerative Agriculture”
 - ii. Education Boxes - updated and look great with event posters and flyers for spring. Bob will update in June (swimming area, Chase Island...)
 - iii. Wild About Cornish Update ([Wild About Cornish Poster and Flyers](#))
 - d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan - No report.
 - e. NRI Plan
 - i. Review of *Section II A Tour of Cornish (Corey, Monica and Linda)* and *Section III Cornish Today - Land Use Patterns (Glenn, Rickey, Jody)*
 - 1. Section II: Corey reviewed the Section II revisions.
 - 2. Section III: Action: CCC members are to review before the May 25 meeting of the CCC and submit comments to Jody. The CCC will discuss Section III at the May 25 meeting.
 - 3. Sections IV & V: will be discussed at the May 25 meeting. Action: CCC members are asked to review these sections prior to May 25.
 - ii. Replace John Berry on workgroups: V/Agriculture; and X/Climate Resilience ([NRI Workgroups](#))
 - f. Climate Resilience - See NRI workgroup activity
 - g. CREA Meeting: COREY’s report on CREA meeting. The door on the blind at the pond is still an issue. The bridge - thinking about pulling out the dam near the bridge and diverting the water, and planting willows as a natural bank. There was also discussion about an Antioch student doing a work project here in 2023. A workday to repair Alex’s loop bridge in May will be advertised in Connect Cornish
 - 9. Next Meeting - May 25, 2022, 7pm, at the Town Offices and Zoom.
 - 10. Adjournment. Linda motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Glenn seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.