

CCC MINUTES MAY 25, 2022 MEETING
7-9pm, Town Offices, 488 Town House Road
Masking and social distancing will be respected.

Attending

Members: Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Co-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Glenn Griffith; Cindy Heath (zoom); Reyer Jaarsma; Monica Matthews (zoom)

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor; Rickey Poor

BOS Representative: John Hammond

Guest: Anna Hubbard (zoom)

ACTION ITEMS From the May 25, 2022 Meeting

1. **Possible CCC Alternate Member candidate Anna Hubbard:** **Action:** Anna's name will come before the CCC for consideration as an alternate member at the June 22, 2022 meeting.
2. **Cornish Library Donations in Honor of Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker:** **Action:** 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. CCC members asked to suggest possible book titles donations to Jody.
3. **Planning Board Survey Questionnaire:** **Action:** The CCC agreed that Linda will submit these suggestions ([Survey Questionnaire: be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)) to the Planning Board at their work meeting Thursday June 2.
4. **Land Monitoring:** **Action:** Rickey will help Reyer with the appropriate forms for him to document his work. The Meyettes' combined conservation areas are complete for the year.

DISCUSSION

1. Corey called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and introduced Anna Hubbard (zoom). Anna is a potential new alternate member to the CCC. **Action:** vote on alternate membership at June meeting.
2. Approve Minutes of the April 27, 2022 [April 27, 2022 Draft Minutes](#). Glenn motioned that the minutes be approved, Linda seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously, approved.
3. Any Business that cannot be held over until the June 22 meeting.
 - a. Planning Board Survey ([Planning Board Survey](#)) John will tell Linda if he wants to add a question about a contractors' yard. Questions 1, 12, 13, 23, 26: **Action:** The CCC agreed that Linda will submit these suggestions to the Planning Board at their work meeting Thursday June

4. NRI Update - Corey noted that the NRI Update review would be prioritized and that any agenda items that were not covered would be carried over to the June 22, 2022 meeting.

- a. Section III Land Use Patterns: Jody, Glenn, Rickey ([Section III Land Use Patterns](#))
Jody led a discussion on edits to Section III. Land in current use remained unchanged. Planning and Zoning: section still needs clarification and dialogue with the Planning Board re: 3 districts village, residential and rural and the amount of land associated with these districts. This is the intersection of planning and conservation, and Jody suggested a dialogue with the Planning Board. Land conservation overlay district - Jody will follow up. Current Use: stayed largely the same. LUCT - indicate range between 100-60% and consider a goal of returning to 100%. (How much of the land not in current use is eligible for current use? Might be useful data.) Table: updated numbers, confirming very little change. Corbin Park: no significant change. The land is in current use, no easements. Land Conservation in Cornish: no significant change except to add new properties and update the table. Public Lands in Cornish: updates, no material changes; but Glenn will clarify whether there are two different properties at Saint Gaudens, although both Federally owned, are they open to the public or restricted and confirm acreage of each. Might be a good idea to have Saint Gaudens give a presentation on the data they're collecting on their land "northeastern...bird". Appendix A was updated and reviewed. Discussed White Water Reservoir: issues surrounding ATV/snowmobile traffic, signage, water protection and notification to the public.
 - b. Section VI Forestry: Reyer, Bob ([Section IV Forestry](#)) (Should be WATER RESOURCES) Commercial Forest production Potential: no material changes. Soils Groups unchanged. Managed Forests and Tree Farms: no material changes. Reyer will try to get data on species of wood in forests for a tighter geographical area, ie Sullivan County.
 - c. Section V Agriculture: Corey, Linda, Bob ([Section V Agriculture](#)). This section will be reviewed at the June 22 meeting.
 - d. NRI Workgroups ([NRI Workgroups/Schedule](#)) We will discuss Sections IV Water Resources ([Section IV Water Resources - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)) and V Agriculture ([Section V, Agriculture - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)) at the June 22, 2022 meeting.
5. Action Items from April 27, 2022 Meeting
- a. **Possible CCC Alternate Member candidate Anna Hubbard:** Corey will meet with Anna Hubbard and update the CCC. **Action:** Anna's name will come before the CCC for consideration as an alternate member at the June 22, 2022 meeting.
 - b. **Cindy's formal membership:** Cindy confirmed that she has been sworn in by the Select Board as a Conservation Commission member.
 - c. **Cornish Library Donations in Honor of Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker:** **Action:** 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.
 - d. **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 ascertained from Heidi Jaarsma that CCC may submit their ideas in time for the May 26 Planning Board meeting. (See agenda item 3a above.)

- e. **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.
- f. **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 and provide an update. Jody spoke to Justin; the plan for the school is to drill a new well. They tested nearby (the Tetu property), and there was no issue in their well. The plan is to drill the school's new well at that corner of the property and have it ready for the September 2022 school year.
- g. **Land Monitoring:** *Glenn monitored Brian Meyette's property. **Action:** Rickey will help Reyer with the appropriate forms for him to document his work. The Meyettes' combined conservation areas are complete for the year.*

DUE TO LATENESS OF THE HOUR, THE CCC AGREED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS UNTIL THE JUNE 22 MEETING:

- 6. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
 - a. Land Conservation Plan
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan
 - c. Education Plan
 - i. Conservation Notes - Upcoming Article ([Conservation Notes Schedule](#))
 - ii. Education Boxes
 - iii. Wild About Cornish Update - May 7 Bird Walk with Jody ([Bird Walk Photos 5-7-22](#)) ([Wild About Cornish Poster and Flyers](#))
 - d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan. *Glenn monitored Brian Meyette's property. Rickey will help Reyer with the appropriate forms for him to document his work. The Meyettes' combined conservation areas are complete for the year.*
 - e. NRI Plan - **See Agenda Item 4**
 - f. Climate Resilience
- 7. Annual Agenda Items for April, May and June
 - a. Communicate with Select Board/Road Agent about mowing the swimming hole and digging dams at CREA
 - b. Review monitoring plans
 - c. Update Conservation award summary document, upcoming CCC award nominees
 - d. Virtual tour of webpage and googledocs
 - e. Contact DES about chemical treatment around bridges
 - f. Pay NHACC
 - g. Quarterly Treasurer's Report
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Report on Ct. River Joint Subcommittee Meeting - Jody
- 9. Next Meeting - June 22, 2022, 7pm, Town Offices and Zoom. (We continue to meet inside in order to facilitate work on the NRI updates.)
- 10. Adjournment. Reyer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Glenn seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.