

CCC MINUTES June 29, 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; Reyer Jaarsma, Monica Matthews (zoom), Cindy Heath (participated by zoom and left the meeting at 8pm)

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor

Absent

Members: Glenn Griffin

BOS Representative: John Hammond

ACTION ITEMS From the June 29, 2022 Meeting

1. **Agenda Item 5a Library Book Donations for Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker.** Jody agreed to contact Bill and Jim and ask them to comment on what books they would like us to donate in their names.
2. **Agenda Item 5c NHDOT Letter 2/22 re bridge repair.** **Action:** Corey will respond to their 2nd letter.
3. **Agenda Item 5d Land Monitoring.** **Action:** Rickey will notify the CCC members of any upcoming monitoring dates.
4. **Agenda Item 6d Land Monitoring Logistics Plan: LCIP Properties' visit.** **Action:** Corey will copy Rickey on the email chain between him and Jocelyn Duffey, Conservation Land Stewardship Program; Rickey will contact the landowners. **NOTE that their visit is planned for Tuesday AUGUST 9 (not July).**
5. **Agenda Item 7b Conservation Award Summary Document:** **Action:** Corey will update the document.
6. **Agenda Item 8f UVLIT Trails Presentation of 5/22.** **Action:** Linda will email the presentation to Colleen O'Neill, Bill Lipfert and Ginny Prince and copy Jody.

DISCUSSION

1. 7:30pm Call to Order by Corey Fitch.
2. The minutes of the May 25, 2022 ([CCC Draft May 25, 2022 Minutes](#)): Jody motioned and Linda seconded approval of the minutes; the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
3. Alternate Member Vote on Anna Hubbard. Corey reported that Anna is relocating to Lebanon and decided not to pursue her candidacy as an alternate member of the CCC.

4. NRI Update - NRI Workgroups ([NRI Workgroups/Schedule](#)) It was noted that these two sections will be reviewed at the July 27 meeting: IV, WATER RESOURCES (Glenn and Bob) and VII, Wildlife Habitat (Cindy, Reyer, Rickey).
 - a. IV Water Resources-Glenn and Bob ([Section IV Water Resources - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)) Since Glenn cannot attend on June 29, this section is pushed to the July 27 meeting.
 - b. V Agriculture-Corey, Bob, and Linda ([Section V, Agriculture - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)). Corey led the CCC through the suggested edits noting Linda agreed to research the National Agricultural Survey statistics (re: table 6 Commercial Farms in Cornish) and NH climate change assessment for relevancy to this section.
5. Action Items from May 25, 2022 Meeting
 - a. **Library Book Donations in honor of Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker:** Jody reviewed the library's collection of environmental books. They do not have a copy of Doug Tallamay's Nature's Best Hope. **Action:** Jody suggested we ask Bill and Jim what books they would like us to donate in their names.
 - b. **Planning Board Survey Questionnaire:** Update/Linda ([PB Survey - put it in SUGGESTING mode](#)). This will come up at the early Thursday meeting of the Planning Board.
 - c. **NHDOT Letter ([NH DOT Letter 2-17-11](#)):** Update/Corey. Corey emailed NHDOT asking their confirmation on a proposed work scope. NHDOT responded that the northeast wing needs repair summer of 2023. **Action:** Corey will respond to this letter.
 - d. **Land Monitoring:** Rickey will reach out by email to Jim Barker, hoping in early July to plan to monitor his back acres east and west. She will also reach out to Charlie Shurtliff and Neidecker. **Action:** Rickey will notify the CCC members of any upcoming monitoring dates.
6. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
 - a. Land Conservation Plan
 - i. Bill Ladd's Property - Corey notes that Bill continues to make progress, but nothing is happening quickly. Corey will stay in touch and update the CCC as appropriate.
 - ii. Cole's Property - Corey reported that Brian Hotz (SPNHF) communicated with the Coles and they have decided on a donated easement and want to complete it by December 31, 2022. He will develop a detailed budget and project description. It is anticipated that the CCC will pay for ½ of the budget and SPNHF will cover ½ of the budget. Brain will try to join the CCC for its July 27 meeting.
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan. No comment.
 - c. Education Plan
 - i. Conservation Notes - Upcoming Article ([Conservation Notes Schedule](#)) Cindy: thanks to Glenn for his expert article on culverts; it will be submitted to Connect Cornish tomorrow for publication. Next article is "Exploring CT River and Chase Island" by Jody to be submitted after the July 9 field trip.
 - ii. Education Boxes - Bob reported that the boxes have been updated for summer.
 - iii. Wild About Cornish Update - May 7 Bird Walk with Jody ([Bird Walk Photos 5-7-22](#)) ([Wild About Cornish Poster and Flyers](#)). Corey reported that he placed photos on the website.

- d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan. Corey reported an email from Jocelyn Duffey, Conservation Land Stewardship Program with Charlotte Harding. They will visit Cornish for LCIP properties (Barker back-acres, White Swan and Meyette's 180-acre parcel). on **Tuesday, AUGUST 9**; CCC members and Town officials are encouraged to join. **Action:** Corey will copy Rickey on the email chain and she will contact the landowners. NOTE that **the visit is planned for Tuesday AUGUST 9 (not July)**.
- e. NRI Plan - IV Water Resources and VII Wildlife Habitat will be discussed at the July 27, 2022 meeting.
- f. Climate Resilience. No comment.
- 7. Annual Agenda Items for April, May, June
 - a. Quarterly Treasurer's Report: Cindy
 - b. Swimming Hole: Jody reported that it has been mowed and looks good.
 - c. Update Conservation award summary document - **Action:** Corey will update
 - d. Pay NHACC
 - e. Review Award Nominees: List has 3 names, but is confidential.
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Swimming Hole: see item 7a.
 - b. Report on CT River Joint Subcommittee Meeting - Jody may attend the next meeting.
 - c. Zoom: the CCC decided to continue the zoom option for upcoming meetings and reassess later.
 - d. Covered Bridge: Corey reported that the Select Board asked the CCC to sign the covered bridge parking area with warnings for poison ivy. The CCC agreed to help. Corey will buy some signs to be installed and coordinate with the Select Board and Liz Gage (Spirit Committee).
 - e. Corey asked for a vote for \$27.50 to purchase 2 award plaques: Linda motioned to approve, Reyer seconded. Corey will proceed.
 - f. Trails presentation in May 2022 by UVLT. The presentation resides on the CCC google drive. Jody suggested sending the presentation directly to Bill Lipfert, Colleen O'Neill, and Ginny Prince. **Action:** Linda will email the presentation to Bill, Colleen and Ginny. [Trails for Wildlife and People UVLT2022 5-22.pdf](#)
- 9. Next Meeting - July 27, 2022, 7:00 pm, Town Offices and Zoom. (We continue to meet inside in order to facilitate work on the NRI updates.)
- 10. Adjournment