

## CCC MINUTES July 27, 2022, MEETING

Meeting was held only by ZOOM

### Attending

**Members:** Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Co-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Reyer Jaarsma (left the meeting at 8:42pm); Glenn Griffin

**Alternate Members:** Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor

**BOS Representative:** John Hammond

### Absent

Member: Cindy Heath; Monica Matthews

### Guest:

Brian Hotz, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF)

### ACTION ITEMS From the June 29 and July 27, 2022 Meetings

#### June 29 and July 27

1. **NRI Update Agriculture:** Jody contacted Steve Taylor and passed along information to Linda for any pertinent updates to the NRI Agriculture Section. **Done.**
2. **NRI Update Water Resources:** **Action:** Discussion concerned making a map of Cornish roads and waterways that's easy to read; Glenn will research this with Rickey and Reyer, particularly concerning waterways. Glenn will include specific links for citizens to test their own water; Glenn will consult with Stuart Hodgeman re: Harlakenden Springs; Linda will send Glenn/Bob link to NH Fish and Game vernal pools information (**Done**).
3. **Library Book Donations for Bill Gallagher and Jim Barker.** Jody spoke to Bill, and he will follow up with her. She will also speak to Jim.
4. **NHDOT Letter 2/22 re bridge repair.** **Action:** Corey will respond to their 2nd letter.
5. **Land Monitoring.** **Action:** Rickey will notify the CCC members of any upcoming monitoring dates.
6. **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).** **Action:** Corey/Rickey will update the CCC at the July meeting. **Done.** Rickey said the group will meet at Town Offices at 8am and they need to leave at 12pm; all members of CCC are encouraged to attend. Rickey will provide more detail before August 9. Rickey will also call Jody to discuss.
7. **Conservation Award Summary Document:** **Action:** Corey will update the document.
8. **UVLT Trails Presentation of 5/22.** **Action:** Linda will email the presentation to Colleen O'Neill, Bill Lipfert and Ginny Prince and copy Jody. **Done.**
9. Fire Pond: **Action:** John and Corey note there is most likely a permit required; they will research and respond to Glenn if he has further questions.

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## DISCUSSION

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1. 7:00pm Call to Order by Corey Fitch
2. Approve Minutes of the June 29, 2022 meeting ([CCC Minutes June 29, 2022](#)). Corey motioned that the minutes be approved, Linda seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous.
3. Conservation Property Update: Guest Brian Hotz, SPNF - [Cole Conservation Easement Info & Votes.pdf](#); [Nearby Conservation Lands](#); [Aerial Photograph](#) Corey and CCC have been involved with the family discussions of several different options. During July the family decided to donate a conservation easement if SPNHF and CCC would pay for the expenses involved and help ensure that the transaction is complete before the end of 2022. SPNF would hold primary interest and be responsible for enforcing the easement; the Town of Cornish would have executory authority of enforcing but not the right of enforcement (essentially backing up SPNHF). Brian anticipates making a presentation to Cornish's Board of Selectmen (BOS).

SPNHF needs a survey, title, hazardous waste assessment, development of easement, appraisal (appraisal for future development is minimal according to Cornish zoning regulations) of reassessment and a stewardship fund. Nothing is in place and it will be expensive. SPNHF would propose a fund raising effort starting approximately mid-September and hopes that the Town would commit up to \$37,500 (½ of the cost). The surveyor is already under contract with his promise to complete by year end. The Coles return to Cornish in September when SPNHF will do extensive field work and work quickly. A traditional conservation easement for New Hampshire allows for hunting and hiking; there is also a snowmobile trail.

The next step is for the CCC to agree to move forward on those 2 pieces at its next meeting; post it as a special hearing and schedule Brian to give a presentation at that meeting. Then Brian presents to BOS where they may approve subject to final review. At a later time, SPNHF and Corey (for the CCC) would be signing the easement.

4. **NRI Update** - NRI Workgroups ([NRI Workgroups/Schedule](#))
  - a. **IV Water Resources-Glenn and Bob** ([Section IV Water Resources - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)). CCC reviewed edits to the Section. **Action:** Discussion concerned making a map of Cornish roads and waterways that's easy to read; Glenn will research with Rickey and Reyer, particularly concerning waterways. Glenn will include specific links for citizens to test their own water; Glenn will consult with Stuart Hodgeman re: Herlakenden Springs; Linda will send Glenn/Bob link to NH Fish and Game vernal pools information.
  - ~~b. **VII Wildlife Habitat** Cindy, Reyer, Rickey ([Section VII Wildlife Habitat - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#))~~
5. Action Items from June 29, 2022 Meeting (See Above)
  - a. **Agenda Item 5b Town Water Protection Plan:** Corey, Glenn and Jody will meet.
  - b. **Agenda Item 5c NHDOT Letter 2/22 re bridge repair.** **Action:** Corey will respond to their 2nd letter.

- c. **Agenda Item 5d Land Monitoring.** **Action:** Rickey will notify the CCC members of any upcoming monitoring dates.
- d. **Agenda Item 6d Land Monitoring Logistics Plan: LCIP Properties' visit.** NOTE that the visit is planned for Tuesday AUGUST 9 (not July). Jocelyn said that "The four properties we'll be visiting are: (1) Barker (16.6 ac) – Back Ackers East. (2) Barker (39.4 ac) – Bunny Back Ackers West. (3) Colby (92 ac) – White Swan Farm. (4) Meyette (188.4) – Lear Farm. The town holds conservation easements on all four – easements purchased in 1989 through the LCIP program." **Action:** Corey will copy Rickey on the email chain between him and Jocelyn Duffey, Conservation Land Stewardship Program; Rickey will contact the landowners. Corey/Rickey will update the CCC at the July meeting. **Action:** Rickey said group will meet at Town Offices at 8am and they need to leave at 12pm; all members of CCC are encouraged to attend. Rickey will provide more detail before August 9. Rickey will also call Jody to discuss.
- e. **Agenda Item 7b Conservation Award Summary Document:** **Action:** Corey will update the document.
- f. **Agenda Item 8f UVLT Trails Presentation of 5/22.** **Action:** Linda will email the presentation to Colleen O'Neill, Bill Lipfert and Ginny Prince and copy Jody.
- 6. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
  - a. Land Conservation Plan
  - b. Town Water Protection Plan: **Action:** Corey, Glenn, Jody will meet.
  - c. Education Plan
    - i. Conservation Notes - Upcoming Article ([Conservation Notes Schedule](#))
    - ii. Education Boxes
    - iii. Wild About Cornish Update - Chase Island Trip Update - Cindy
    - iv. Outreach to Cornish School
  - d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan, LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program)
  - e. NRI Plan - **See Agenda Item 4**
  - f. Climate Resilience
- 7. Annual Agenda Items for April, May, June
  - a. Quarterly Treasurer's Report: Cindy
  - b. Pay NHACC
  - c. Review Summary for annual NRI file
- 8. Other Business - Any other business that may develop
  - a. Fire Pond: **Action:** John and Corey note there may be a permit required; they will research and respond to Glenn if he has further questions.
  - b. Conservation Commission Member Recruitment
  - c. Poison Ivy Signage at Cornish/Windsor Covered Bridge Parking Area
- 9. Next Meeting -August 24, 2022, 7:00 pm, Town Offices and Zoom. (We continue to meet inside in order to facilitate work on the NRI updates.)
- 10. Adjournment. Corey motioned to adjourn the meeting; Linda seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:09pm.