

CCC MINUTES

October 26, 2022, 7pm

Meeting will be held at the Town Offices (2nd FL.)
488 Town House Road, Cornish

Attending:

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

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

Select Board Representative: John Hammond

Absent:

Reyer Jaarsma, Monica Matthews

1. 7:00pm Call to Order by Corey Fitch
2. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2022 Meetings
 - a. Public Hearing ([Draft CCC Minutes: Public Hearing 9-28-22](#)) Linda moved to approve as amended, Jody seconded motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
 - b. CCC Meeting ([Draft CCC Minutes 9-28-22](#)). Bob Taylor corrected "Jim Andrews" to "Don Andrews". Glenn motioned that the minutes be approved as amended, Bob seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
 - c. Change in Minutes Format. Linda noted that in order to shorten the minutes, a recap of action items had been eliminated.
3. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
 - a. Land Conservation Plan
 - i. Cole Property Update on 9-28-22 Meetings. Corey reported that Brian Holtz and the Coles were supposed to have met October 25; Corey met with BOS to update them. Brian continues to be confident that the process will finalize by the end of the year.
 - ii. Humpal/Pinkson. Corey said he will set up a meeting with them and UVLT; this may be a multi-year process.
 - iii. Charlie Shurcliff: Jody said he may pursue conservation of his adjoining acreage next year.
 - iv. Mark Hooper/Hildreth Lane: John said Mark subdivided his land (abuts the Platt property) into three lots and has considered putting the land under easement. The CCC would stand by to assist with financial support.
 - v. Bill Ladd: Corey will reach out to him this winter.
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan
 - i. Update: Corey, Jody, Glenn. Corey and Jody zoomed with Justin Shaw of the Granite State Rural Water Association (Justin had worked previously on the Water Protection Plan for the Cornish Elementary School) who said that the plan for Cornish should start with drinking water. His expertise would be available to Cornish without charge; he would coordinate with the CCC in the spring of 2023

re: public education about drinking water in Cornish. Presentation topics could include: how residents could protect their water, ending with an opportunity for residents to test their wells. He could also provide training for our fire department in fire retardant chemical use in hazardous material mediation. He shared maps of spills where they'd been called in to do mediation, and several of these had been in Cornish. Glenn Griffin noted that he has experience in water testing, planning and spills. (Corey and Glenn will ask Mike Boutelier (and perhaps Bob Rice) if the Cornish Fire Department would be interested in training by Justin). John Hammond noted that culvert mapping in Cornish is incomplete - Justin could be a resource for a comprehensive culvert mapping program.

1. Water protection in Cornish re: PFAS contaminated water at the Elementary School. John Hammond indicated there is confusion about who's responsible and communication should happen between all entities in the town who may be involved in different aspects of the issue. Monadnock has the most information, is employed by the school, and may be the place to start. Jody asked John to relate to the BOS that the CCC is interested in collaborating. John will bring this up at the BOS meeting tomorrow.

c. Education Plan

- i. Conservation Notes - Upcoming Article ([Conservation Notes Schedule](#)) Jody reported that they want to keep the theme of water protection going and invite professional experts to speak on protecting drinking water, how to become a good land steward, and having a trainer for CCC members on dredge and fill. Field trips might include: Testing homeowner water, walking Cornish watersheds with a knowledgeable guide, paddling trip on CT River to visit a stream inflow on the CT River; continue offering CREA/Town Forest walks, do a bat house building experience, offer a public gathering to discuss what the CCC does and encourage participation. Cindy noted that there were 12 Notes this year, and proposed that for 2023 the number be reduced to 6 with a focus on water. Jody and Cindy will meet again and decide which field trips to implement under the heading of "Wild About Cornish".
- ii. Education Boxes. No update. Corey said that the BOS suggested adding hunting/fishing dates and said they thought the boxes were very useful and very well done.
- iii. Wild About Cornish Update. See above.

d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan: Updates

- i. Rickey reported that most of the walks are complete except Neideckers, Rickey will do that in November. Corey will email Linda and Rickey with some possible scheduling.
- ii. Meyette: Rickey noted that the missing property marker at Peg's should be explored; she will put this in the calendar for early spring.
- iii. White Swan Farm: Jody reported that she and Linda walked the property; there were no problems and Jody submitted the report.
- iv. Protocols: Jody and Rickey commented that they and Linda will meet before the end of the year to work on a draft of monitoring guidelines. It was suggested that CCC make an annual summary of land monitoring, focusing on any issues that may arise, and submit this to the BOS. Jody mentioned that when we

monitor land annually, we should include a copy of the easement itself in the communication to the land owner.

e. NRI Plan

i. IX Conservation Plan - ([Section IX, Conservation Plan](#)).

1. Chapter 6 NRI. Noted were: including municipal tax and zoning maps in the NRI, putting together a public event to celebrate the new NRI, collaborate with the Master Plan, Linda will give Corey a copy of Handbook Chapter 6 & 7 in pdf format to forward to Bill Lipfert/Planning Board and discuss collaboration with the Master Plan.
2. Conservation Plan Chapter 7: focus should be on maps. The “Conservation Plan” itself will evolve into a separate document. This will involve collaboration with appropriate Town entities and public comment.

ii. Next Steps with the NRI. In November, December and early January each workgroup will finalize its section for discussion at the January meeting:

([Workgroups - Updated](#)) ([Guidance for Workgroups Nov/Dec/Jan](#))

1. Corey reviewed the “Guidance for Workgroups” doc and discussed with the CCC members.

f. Climate Resilience - details are to be determined, but each NRI workgroup was encouraged to include a brief takeaway on climate change/resilience at the end of their NRI Sections.

4. Other Business

a. CCC Member Recruitment Posting: ([CCC-New Member Opportunity Posting](#)). Jody reviewed the posting with the CCC.

b. Honorary Book Recognitions on November 6, 2022. Jody reminded the group that Bill Gallagher’s ([Zero Waste Solution: Untrashing the Planet One Community at a Time](#), Paul Connett) and Jim Barker’s recognition is planned to include Paul Connett’s personal presentation of Bill Gallagher’s book. Zero Waste will be donated to the Stowell Library; Jim Barker’s book ([We Are Water Protectors](#), Carole Lindstrom) will be donated to the School. Corey will explore audio/video equipment needs with Heidi Jaarsma.

i. Cindy suggested that a hybrid zoom option be available. She will explore this option with Corey.

ii. Set up will start at 3pm, details TBD by Jody and Cindy. CCC members were encouraged to volunteer to help.

c. NHACC Conference (11/5/22) - Corey and Linda are attending.

d. Wetlands Review on Don Andrews’ Land on East Road: the zoning board disapproved the building’s plan and disapproved locating the power underground.

e. Antioch Univ. of New England ES Dept. **Collaborative Service Initiative** (details by [clicking this link](#)). Jody will explore this in more detail and propose consideration by the CCC if an opportunity seems appropriate.

f. Expenditures

i. Reimbursement for NHACC registration for Corey and Linda
\$120 (\$60ea) from Palmer Fund

ii. NHACC Handbooks: \$100 from Operating Budget

iii. Mileage for Paul Connett: \$70 from Palmer Fund

- iv. Glenn motioned approval for these three expenditures; Jody seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously
- 5. Annual Agenda Items
 - a. Start Town Meeting Display Discussion/Decide on Topic: we will use posters about water quality and testing
 - b. Begin Draft of Town Report Page: Corey will begin drafting the report
 - c. Warrant article for contribution to the Conservation Fund and prepare Annual Budget ([Draft Warrant Article for 2023 CCC Funding](#)). Linda will ask Mary when she wants us to submit the Town Report and the warrant article. Jody motioned and Glenn seconded the motion to approve the warrant article for \$750 for the CCC Operating Budget and \$4,500 for the Conservation Fund; this was approved unanimously.
 - d. Finalize award choice and plan gift: the members discussed four candidates. Corey asked the Commission to consider whom to nominate and what kind of award to be given.
The CCC reviewed previous awardees ([Previous Award Winners](#)).
- 6. Next Meeting - December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm, Town Offices and Zoom.
- 7. Adjournment at 9:05pm