

CCC MINUTES
September 28, 2022, MEETING
Meeting was held in person at the Cornish Town Offices and via ZOOM

Attending

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

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor

Absent

Glenn Griffin, CCC Member

Monica Matthews, CCC Member

John Hammond, BOS Representative

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1. 7:40pm Call to Order by Corey Fitch.
 2. Approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting ([CCC Minutes 8-24-2022 Meeting](#)). Jody motioned that the minutes be approved as circulated. Linda seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously
 3. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
 - a. Land Conservation Plan
 - i. Cole Property Easement - following a Public Hearing on this property (immediately preceding the CCC meeting, the CCC voted on two items relative to the conservation easement:
 1. Executory Interest - Jody moved that the Cornish Conservation Commission (CCC) recommend that the Cornish Board of Selectmen (BOS) accept executory interest in a donated conservation easement on approximately 203 acres of land in Cornish, NH from Wallace A. Cole and Jerryne M. Cole, as Trustees of the WJ Cole Trust. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 2. Funding - Jody moved that the CCC contribute from its Conservation Fund up to \$37,500 to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) for the sole purposes of helping to cover the associated project costs related to the completion of the conservation easement on approximately 203 acres of land in Cornish, NH, from Wallace A. Cole and Jerryne M. Cole, as Trustees of the WJ Cole Trust. The funds will be used to help cover items such as survey, legal fees, appraisals, title report, hazardous waste review, staff fees, and stewardship endowment. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 3. Brian Hotz reported on the Bulkeley property: SPNHF handles about 730 acres of the Bulkeley property easement which originally provided for several withdrawal areas for family members. He noted that the family have amended the easement to wipe away all of these

- withdrawal areas, releasing about 30 acres from any potential development.
 - ii. Humpal/Pinkson. Corey reported that the family is interested in conserving their land, approximately 150 acres. They will be talking to The Upper Valley Land Trust. The process would occur in the next few years, and Corey and the CCC will follow related developments.
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan
 - i. Corey, Glenn, and Jody met on September 21 and generated an action list of documents to collectively read, calls/inquiries to make . They will set up an initial meeting with Justin Shaw for the sub-committee. The group will meet again on October 5.
 - c. Education Plan
 - i. Conservation Notes - Upcoming Article ([Conservation Notes Schedule](#)).
 - 1. Cindy and Jody met: Given the importance of water resources (drought conditions continuing in NH and issues at the school), we may stay with this theme going into next year. They will meet in mid-October to discuss further.
 - 2. Corey will not write an article for October on the Whitewater Reservoir as planned.
 - 3. Jody spoke with Don Snowden about the bat house behind Cornish Town Offices and she will follow up further with Brian Meyette who also has knowledge of the bat house, and hopefully an article on this piece of Cornish's history will be out in October. **(Action)**
 - ii. Education Boxes. Bob Taylor updated the Education boxes appropriately for the Fall. Jody thanked Bob for his work on the conservation boxes. Corey thanked Bob for painting and updating the box at 12% Solution.
 - iii. Wild About Cornish - No further update. But this year's field trip events are completed, time to generate ideas for 2023.
 - iv. Honorary Book Recognitions. Bill Gallagher's chosen book is: The Zero Waste Solution by Paul Connett. Jim Barker's chosen book is We Are the Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom. Jody reported that November 6 at 4pm is the date for the presentation. The Living and Sustainable Lifestyle Group and the CCC will host the presentation and invite the public. Confirmation with Paul Connett and other details to be determined. **(Action)**
 - d. Land Monitoring Logistics Plan
 - i. Rickey and Jody walked with Charlie Shurcliff. He is interested in putting additional acreage into easement. Rickey said the cultural history may be more valuable than the forestry aspect. Total of 60 acres, 10 of which are already under conservation. Jody and Rickey have photos of old maps Charlie shared that should be printed and preserved.
 - ii. White Swan - Jody and Linda are setting up a date to monitor.
 - iii. Meyette Lands (Brian and Peggy) - Reyer has completed these walks and would like to schedule another walk specifically to find the markers on Peggy's piece that we have been unable to locate..
 - iv. Neidecker - needs to be done in late October or November.

- v. Back Achers was effectively completed during Charlotte Harding's LCIP visit.
- e. NRI Plan
 - i. VII Wildlife Habitat-Cindy, Reyer, Rickey ([Section VII Wildlife Habitat - be sure you are in SUGGESTING mode](#)) The update review was undertaken and comments added to the googledocs document.
 - ii. Review of Section IX, Cornish Conservation Plan and the Introduction will be delayed until January.
 - iii. Corey suggests that the CCC take October/November/December for the workgroups to go back to their sections to complete as much work as possible, including further research as needed, and answers to any unaccepted "comments". In January the CCC workgroups would hand in all the sections to Corey/Jody/Linda who would begin compiling the sections in a uniform way, editing and would plan to bring a *preliminary* draft back to the CCC in February or March.
- f. Climate Resilience- we are still encouraging each group to provide a brief summary statement for their Chapter with regard to Climate Change.
- 4. Annual Agenda Items
- 5. Other Business - Any other business that may develop
 - a. Wetlands Review on Don and Maggie Andrews' Land on East Road. No update at this time. The CCC would be interested in a site visit; Corey will explore this idea. **(Action) We heard from Bob Taylor that their request was denied by the Planning Board. CCC did not take any action, or object on this opportunity to review due to lack of training and knowledge of the members. We will seek Commission training on this important topic in 2023.**
- 6. Next Meeting - October 26, 2022, 7:00 pm, Town Offices and Zoom.
- 7. Adjournment. Reyer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Rickey seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.