

## **Minutes CCC May 24, 2023**

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

### **Attending**

**Members:** (6pm) Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Vice-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Reyer Jaarsma. (7pm, Cindy Heath joined via zoom)

**Alternate Members:** (6pm) Bob Taylor; Julie Foote; Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Treasurer

**BOS Representative:** (7pm, John Hammond joined)

**Absent:** Rickey Poor, Glenn Griffin

1. 6:00 pm Corey called the meeting to order.
2. NHACC and Googledocs
  - a. NHACC website review for members/Linda. Linda showed the CCC members how to access the member portal on NHACC and recommended that everyone explore the Resource Library.
  - b. Google docs tutorial/Corey. Corey explained the CCC google drive architecture, contents, and various editing and formatting functions.
3. Approve the [CCC Minutes 4-26-23](#). Linda motioned to approve the minutes as distributed; Julie seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. BCM Environmental Law - Amy Manzelli. Ms. Manzelli could not attend but anticipates attending the June meeting.
  - a. [Right to Know](#) RSA
5. Subcommittee Reports: ([Subcommittees](#))
  - a. Land Conservation Plan (Corey) No update.
  - b. Town Water Protection Plan (Corey, Jody, Glenn)
    - i. Protecting Source Water - Presentation by Justin Shaw, Follow-Up (Jody) [Water Event Flyers-Poster 4-27-23](#); [What's In Your Water Summary by Jody Schubert](#). Jody reported that the workshop was well-attended, and the summary has been distributed via ConnectCornish and placed on the CCC website. Laurel Jackson of Endyne Labs has offered to give us some water testing kits to be available at the Cornish Town Offices for any resident(s) to take home and test their own water; a courier from Endyne would pick up tests twice a month at the old Cornish Store (exact schedule to be determined, but hoping to start in June). A sign will be placed in the Town Offices on the first floor, and test kit availability/ and pick up schedule will be noticed in ConnectCornish. The CCC expressed appreciation to Jody for taking the lead in planning and organizing the workshop.
  - c. Education Plan
    - i. Conservation Notes - [2023 Conservation Notes/Events Calendar](#)
      1. June Kayak Trip (Cindy/Jody) Since there are so many scheduling conflicts between the guide and CCC schedules, it was decided to delay the kayak trip until next year. Instead, CCC will consider something more aligned with water resources, like testing for microplastics in local ponds, lakes and streams. Cindy noted that she knows professionals from UNH who could provide the expertise. The Subcommittee will update the Commission at the June meeting.
      2. June School Activity with Susie Spikol and Jack Dalton is ready for June 9.

3. Earth Day 2024 Planning (Jody). No update at this time.
4. Swimming Hole Mowing: Julie is mowing the area and will write an article on the swimming area for the July Conservation Notes schedule.. CCC expressed appreciation that Julie has taken on this task - it is helpful to the BOS. No action plan has been developed for a talk on Dredge and Fill in July.
- d. Land Monitoring Logistics (Rickey)
  - i. Draft monitoring schedule 2023 (Jody/Linda). We're working on a schedule and will update the group.
  - ii. Peg Meyette boundary posts update (Rickey was absent) Reyer mentioned putting new pins at Peggy's boundary corners and placing birdhouses on top of them. The summary from Rickey and Reyer will comprise this year's monitoring report.
- e. NRI Update (Corey) Corey, Jody, Linda are reading through the NRI updating and resolving comments. The resulting draft will be circulated to the CCC, BOS and the Planning Board. In the meantime, we will work on maps, tables, figures, and photos. Glenn and Corey have met on maps and hope to update the CCC at the June meeting. We will also need to establish a workgroup on appendices.
- f. Climate Resilience (Julie) The group has met and is writing a Climate Change section for the NRI.
6. CCC Website (Linda, all)
 

[April Minutes](#); April 27 Water Event Summary/photos ([4/27/23 Water Event Summary](#)) have been implemented by Jenny Lipfert. Linda asked everyone to give her comments on website changes, corrections and updates.
7. Other Business
  - a. [UFLT Annual Conservation Celebration May 31, 2023](#), 4-7:30PM, Poverty Orchards, 98 Poverty Lane, Lebanon, NH. 4-5pm-Orchard Talk w/Steve Wood; 5-6pm-Social Time BYOB; 6:30-7:30pm, Presentation by Rebecca Rule, Host of NHPBS "Our HomeTown". Corey encouraged CCC members to attend if they were interested.
  - b. Tasker Grant/Corey. The \$5,000 grant request to get discounts on water tests was denied. They said that the \$5,000 request was higher than their usual grant, and that their focus is to provide grants to get communities together. They suggested we apply to the Tasker Fund to pay for a more expensive speaker. We may apply to the Claremont Savings Bank for a grant for water testing; Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation/Hanover may be a resource as well. Jody and Robin agreed to brainstorm on next steps for grant applications.
  - c. Conservation Award: Reyer, Corey and stonemason David Fielder walked up to the lookout and Dave believes he can use rocks existing onsite to make a bench with a recessed plaque in Ginny's honor. The work may be scheduled this fall. We also got a copy of Ginny's book for the library: [New England Forests Through Time: Insights from the Harvard Forest Dioramas](#), by David Foster and John O'Keefe.
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 7 pm, on the second floor of the Town Offices.
9. Adjournment: Reyer motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 7:39pm; Jody seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.