

Minutes Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7PM, 2nd Floor of the Town Offices and via Zoom

Members: Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Co-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Cindy Heath; Reyer Jaarsma

Alt. Members: Bob Taylor; Robin Kilfeather-Mackey; Julie Foote

BOS: John Hammond

Absent: Glenn Griffin

1. 7:00 pm Corey called the meeting to order
2. NRI Map review with Olivia Uyizeye from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC), via zoom. Corey introduced Olivia Uyizeye, Senior GIS Analyst/Planner from UVLSRPC to discuss the NRI map proposal. There are three main paths to the proposal: Task 1 = foundational information with existing data; Task 2 = New Maps and Tailored Data Layers (adjustable budget item); Task 3 = Co-Occurrence Analysis Update for the conservation plan which could be done now or be postponed. Following discussion and questions from the Commission, Corey and Glenn will reconsider and make a recommendation on a final plan, costs, and timeline. Olivia said she would need a contract by November 1. A final contract could be voted on either at this meeting or at the October 25, 2023 meeting. Olivia said Corey and Glenn have already supplied the background UVLSRPC needs to go ahead whenever the contract is final. (Corey noted that the cost can come from our Conservation Fund whose balance now is around \$160,000.) The group discussed the proposal at length; and a few revisions were agreed upon. Corey will consult with Glenn, make the Commission's revisions and contact Olivia with the revised proposal. He will follow up with the Commission at the October 25 meeting.
3. Approve the [Draft Minutes of the CCC August 23, 2023 Meeting](#). Linda motioned and Jody seconded approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report (Robin)
 - a. There was no formal Treasurer's Report - that will be given at the October 25 meeting after the third quarter's end.
 - b. Don Snowden donations - Robin reported a total of about \$600 to be put in the Palmer Fund, bringing the Fund up to \$15,000. Corey will send a letter of appreciation and will put a notice in Connect Cornish.
5. Subcommittee Reports: [Subcommittee](#)
 - a. Land Conservation Plan/Corey. The Hooper property on Hildreth Lane will be conserved except for a small outparcel. The CCC will monitor the progress of the conservation, and Corey anticipates that there may be a request for financial aid.
 - b. Town Water Protection Plan. No report at this time.
 - c. Education Plan
 - i. Update on Susie Spikol Cornish Lower School event Friday morning, October 13- the event is still in the planning stage, but is on track.
 - ii. Jody noted that there is a need for 4-Winds volunteers.
 - d. Land Monitoring
 - i. The Shurcliff Walk is scheduled for October 21, 9am - Charlie Shurcliff may or may not join, but has approved the date. Linda, Jody, Robin and Rickey are signed up to walk. This is an easy, flat, short walk.

- ii. White Swan monitor walk is on Monday October 16: Jody, Cindy, and Linda are going to join the walk.
- 6. **NRI Update:** [Master Draft NRI 8-23-2023](#)
 - a. Next steps for Maps (see Item 2 above)
- 7. CCC Website. No update.
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Cole Property Celebration Event - Jody. Invitation to [Join Jerri and Wally 10-1-23](#) 2-5pm has been published in Connect Cornish and posted on bulletin boards around Town, the Library, CCC boxes and the Post Office. Jody has informed CCC members of logistical details and asked for assistance and RSVPs: [Update on CCC attendance and help with logistics](#). Brian Hotz/SPNHF has created a 1-page handout with a map and a narrative for the event.
 - b. CCC swag - Linda. The group agreed to look into hats as a giveaway item and Linda will get some samples of hats and vests. Cindy will look at tote bags.
 - c. Tree planting at Fairgrounds, Bob Taylor. The Fair is considering looking for a sponsor to plant trees particularly between the horse barn and the ring. The Conservation Commission had planted trees years ago and might be willing to do this again. Bob will update the Commission after the Fair has made a decision on whether or not they want to pursue this idea.
 - d. [NHACC Annual Meeting](#)/Corey. The meeting is on Saturday, November 4 at Pembroke Academy, 289 Academy Road, Pembroke, NH. CCC members are encouraged to attend, and registration fees will be reimbursed by the CCC.
 - e. Reimbursements
 - i. Rickey - Bird Boxes \$35.96 for Peg Meyette's easement from the operating budget
 - ii. Linda Fuerst - Four Winds Books, \$172.69 from the Palmer Fund - approved by the Commission
 - iii. Jody motioned for approval for both reimbursements, Reyer seconded and it was approved by the Commission unanimously.
 - f. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting. None was offered, and members were encouraged to contact Linda with any agenda item suggestions any time before the October 25 meeting.
- 9. Next CCC Meeting is October 25, 2023, 7 pm.
- 10. Adjournment. Reyer motioned to adjourn the meeting; Cindy seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.