

CCC MINUTES, Wednesday, July 26, 2023

The meeting was held at 7pm at the Town Offices (2nd FL.), 488 Town House Road, Cornish, NH

Zoom Option

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Meeting ID: 972 0446 9945

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Attending

Members: Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Vice-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Reyer Jaarsma; Glenn Griffin (zoom)

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor, Julie Foote, Robin Kilfeather-Mackey

BOS Representative: John Hammond

Absent: Cindy Heath

1. **Call To Order.** Corey called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Approve the [CCC Draft Minutes June 28, 2023 Meeting](#).** Jody motioned to approve the minutes as distributed, Julie seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Don Snowden.** Rickey reported with great regret that Don died unexpectedly last Friday. He was a long-tenured Conservation Commission member who made significant contributions to the Commission and the Town. His widow wants to designate the Conservation Commission for memorial gifts that may be given in his honor. The group considered which of its funds should be designated for such gifts: Palmer for environmental and conservation education, Bunny Barker Fund for other interests, Conservation Fund for easements/NRI; CREA for development of CREA. Rickey moved that monies given in his memory be placed in the Palmer Fund. The group voted unanimously in favor of this motion. Rickey will communicate with Mrs. Snowden and provide appropriate information.
4. **Right to Know Going Forward.** Corey initiated a discussion on subcommittees, emails, and communications outside of meetings.
 - a. **Subcommittees:** we will make public postings in 2 places which can be the town website and town offices. Subcommittee heads will tell Linda when they are going to meet; she will get notices posted on the Cornish Town website and Town Offices. Subcommittee chairs will provide minutes to Linda to be presented and approved at the next CCC regular meeting. Minutes should be succinct; full discussion, review and acceptance will occur at the next CCC meeting.
 - b. **Land monitoring reports:** should be reviewed in CCC meetings and recorded in the CCC minutes, including the location where they are filed.
 - c. **Land monitoring field trips:** these do not have to be made public.
 - d. **Events and activities:** most of our events are public; all are fully advertised. Where the public is not invited (such as in a school), event information will be made available to the public via the Town website.
 - e. **Email:** planning logistics between CCC members is fine, but general or specific discussion on matters before the CCC is not allowed.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Robin) To be presented July/October 2023. [Treasurer Reporting](#) Robin reviewed the last quarter, noting that: the backlog of invoices has been paid, we received SPNHF payment on the Cole easement, and we ended the period at \$186,330. We will expect some inflow from the Town next quarter.
6. **Subcommittee Reports:** [Subcommittee](#)

- a. **Land Conservation Plan** (Corey) No update at this time.
- b. **Town Water Protection Plan** (Corey, Jody, Glenn) No update at this time.
- c. **Education Plan**
 - i. Julie's written an article on the swimming hole to be put on the website and Connect Cornish
 - ii. Jody is working on an article on current use.
 - iii. Earth Day 2024 Planning (Jody): CCC may consider being involved in 2024.
 - iv. Fall outdoor school event at CREA with Susie Spikol is planned for October 13 with a backup date of October 20.
 - v. Conservation Notes - [2023 Conservation Notes/Events Calendar](#)
- d. **Land Monitoring Logistics** (Rickey)
 - i. Cole Easement Walk/Event: Jody will contact the Coles to follow up on this.
 - ii. Draft monitoring schedule 2023 (Jody/Linda) Linda reviewed the schedule below and will poll the group to finalize the dates:
 - 1. Neidecker Friday 7/28, 8am and White Swan Wednesday, 10/16, 9am are confirmed
 - 2. Shurcliff 10/20 or a Saturday TBD 9am will be confirmed
 - 3. Meyeette, Brian (Reyer) TBD
- e. **NRI Update** (Corey)
 - i. Maps – Corey and Glenn are working this and will coordinate with UVLT.
 - ii. Next Steps: the CCC will meet on Wednesday August 9, 2023 from 6-8pm to discuss the NRI's unresolved issues and prepare the draft document for the Select Board.
- f. **Climate Change Group:** the group will not continue to meet regularly since the Climate Change Section X for the NRI has been completed. However the group would continue to be a resource as needed to the Education Sub-Committee on education ideas and/or event assistance on this topic.
- 7. **CCC Website** (Linda, all)

The addition of the May minutes brought the website current. Comments, suggestions are welcome.
- 8. **Other Business**
 - a. Award Nominees: request for suggestions for next year was tabled for the next meeting.
- 9. **Next Meeting** will be August 23, Wednesday, 2023, 7 pm. (Note that there will be a meeting on 8/9 for the sole purpose of reviewing the NRI, see above item (e) (ii).
- 10. Linda motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Jody seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.