

## **Cornish Conservation Commission Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

Meeting was held at 6pm at the Town Offices (2nd FL.)  
488 Town House Road, Cornish

**Attending Members:** Corey Fitch, Chair; Jody Schubert, Vice-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Reyer Jaarsma; Glenn Griffin

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

**Select Board Representative:** John Hammond

**Absent:** Cindy Heath, Member

1. 7:00 pm Call To Order / Corey. Corey called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. Approve [Draft CCC Minutes CCC 2-28-24](#) and [Draft CCC Minutes March 13, 2024](#) / Corey. Jody motioned and Glenn seconded the motion to approve the two sets of minutes as corrected. The Commission members approved the motion unanimously and the minutes were approved.
3. Annual Election of Officers: Corey Fitch/Chair; Jody Schubert/Vice-Chair; Linda Leone/Secretary; Robin Kilfeather-Mackey/Treasurer. Corey, Jody, Linda and Robin agreed to extend their terms in office. Rickey moved and Glenn seconded re-election of the officers. The Commission voted unanimously to re-elect the officers for another term ending in 2025.
4. 3-year Term Renewals.
  - a. Jody Schubert, Linda Leone, Rickey Poor. Jody, Linda and Rickey all asked that their terms be renewed ([CCC Members and Terms](#)). John Hammond will confirm this to the Select Board.
5. Treasurer's Report / Robin: Robin will give her quarterly report in April.
6. [CCC Annual Bylaws Review](#) / Corey. The following changes were suggested and discussed:
  - a. Article I Section III, page 2: replace "Article II Section 1.B" with "Article I Section 3B"
  - b. Article II Section III, page 4: 1st paragraph, 4th line: delete "report on expenditures" (which duty is covered by the Treasurer); and in the 2nd paragraph correct "Chairs" to "Chair's".
  - c. It was noted that the Commission should bring up for review at a later time: the Land Conservation Guide parallel to development of the Conservation Plan as well as amending references to standing and subcommittees.
  - d. The Bylaws document will be updated and voted upon at the April 17, 2024 meeting.
7. Other Business
  - a. NRI
    - i. Update - follow up to Map Meeting on 3/13/24. Corey followed up with Austin at UVLT. The Commission agreed to schedule a separate map meeting on Wednesday April 17 at 6pm to review the Cultural, Historical, Point of Interest Map (which Corey will have updated and printed).
    - ii. NRI Completion Schedule Discussion / Jody. Linda will send the link to the existing NRI draft document to the Commission, and everyone should review again carefully before April 17. Particular attention should be paid to: the appendices, table of contents, and cover. [NRI Master Draft \(77ppg takes a while to load\)](#)

- b. Actions For Wildlife Seminar Series/Application Process / Jody. Jody said she attended all 4 sessions, and noted that there were many projects suggested for Conservation Commissions to consider undertaking. She will share her notes on the material with the Commission.
  - c. Conservation Commission Chair Transition: It was noted that Corey's last meeting as Chair will be May 22. The Commission discussed a process to transition to a new Chair and reviewed the ["CCC Officers' Duties"](#) document Corey had developed as a point of reference. During discussion of the duties and of identifying candidates for the position of Chair, the Commission asked Commissioners if anyone was interested in the job. Julie Foote and Glenn Griffin said that they would consider the idea and whether or not they were interested in the position; they agreed to respond at the April 24 meeting when further discussion will take place. (It was noted that Julie Foote is an alternate member; she could be moved to member status since there is an existing vacancy among the full membership of the Commission.)
8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- a. Chair Position Transition Discussion
  - b. NRI Maps
  - c. Approval of the Bylaws with proposed revisions
9. Next CCC Meeting date Wednesday, April 17, 6pm (Maps) and Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 7pm
10. Adjournment. Corey adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm