

Cornish Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes April 24, 2024

7pm, Town Offices, 2nd Floor
488 Town House Road, Cornish

Attending

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

Alternate Members: Bob Taylor, Julie Foote

Select Board Representative:

Absent:

Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Alternate Member; Rickey Poor, Alternate Member; John Hammond, Select Board Representative

1. 7:00 pm Call To Order / Corey. Corey called the meeting to order at 7:04PM
2. Approve [Draft Minutes CCC Meeting 4/17/24 \(Map\)](#)/ Corey. Julie motioned that the minutes be approved as distributed and Jody seconded the motion. The commission members approved the minutes unanimously.
3. Approve [CCC Bylaws with 3/27/24 Revisions](#)/Corey. Jody motioned that the Bylaws be approved, and Linda seconded the motion. The Commission approved the Bylaws unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report/Robin Kilfeather-Mackey. In Robin's absence, Corey presented the report below which Robin had previously submitted:.

For the [CCC quarter ended 3/31/24](#), the CCC's restricted funds totaled \$189,910. During the period the funds earned \$2,523 of interest income. There were four invoices drawn against our restricted funds for the quarter totaling \$844. The first two items were carryover expenses from 2023 that were not processed by the town before year end. The others were 2024 expenses for our 2024 NHACC annual dues and the upcoming VINS raptor event.

There was one invoice pending (blue box) at 3/31/2024 related to our first NRI mapping invoice to UVLSRPC that I sent along to the town on April 19th.

This invoice should be included in the next quarterly report.

No funds have been drawn from the CCC's Operating Account so far this year.

At the May 22 CCC meeting, Jody will share a cost summary of the Four Winds program as provided by Linda Fuerst

5. Review NRI text/Corey. The group scrolled through the draft NRI, accepting the existing edits. Corey offered to remain the point person with Austin at UVLT after his

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resignation as Chair of the Conservation Commission. Corey, Jody and Linda will work on the Appendix, planning to finish it by the May 22 CCC meeting.

6. Other Business

- a. [Kestrel Event](#) Update Sunday April 28/Jody. Jody noted that flyers have been posted around Town and on the CCC homepage and the event is listed in Connect Cornish; Corey will assist Lexie Smith with any technology needs on April 28. CCC members are invited to arrive at noon to help set up. The program is an hour, and a walk on CREA is optional after the program (parking at the Red Barn).
- b. Third Conservation Commission Events Box: the group discussed where a third box might be located such as the General Store, the School, the Library. This will be addressed further at a future meeting.
- c. CREA Bridge Repair: The CREA Committee met and is planning two work dates to repair the bridge: one to do the heavy lifting, and the other to paint with Vermont Protective Coating. The dates and times will be posted in Connect Cornish; Conservation Commission members are encouraged to help out. Corey suggested the CCC's CREA Development Funds could be used for bridge repair if needed - this topic would be addressed with the CREA Committee if warranted. It would be important to find the original CREA Development Fund paperwork - Rickey may have knowledge on this.
- d. School Well Update: Corey reported that two test holes were drilled at 1200' and were not found to be suitable. A filtration system will have to be designed and installed.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. New Chair transition.
- b. NRI Update.

8. Next CCC Meeting date Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 7pm.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.