

## **Cornish Conservation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes May 22, 2024**

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

#### **Attending**

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

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

**Select Board Representative:** John Hammond

**Absent:** Cindy Heath, Member; Glenn Griffin, Member

1. 7:00 pm Call To Order. Corey called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. Approval of the [Draft CCC Minutes April 24, 2024 Meeting](#) /Corey. Corey asked if there was a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 24 meeting. Linda motioned that the minutes be approved as distributed; Jody seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. NRI Update/Corey. Corey noted that after today's review, we'll update the tables of contents, finish formatting changes, remove the appendix, and provide the draft to the BOS and the Planning for their review and comment. We'll deliver it to them as follows: BOS on Monday 5/27 (finish Monday 6/24) and the Planning Board Thursday June 6 (finish June 20). The CCC would review their comments at the CCC July 24 meeting.
  - a. Appendix: Corey shared an overview of which appendices would be kept, edited, or omitted.
  - b. Maps: Point of Interest Map. Corey/Jody/Linda were to consult with Jim Fitch, Billy Monette, Fred Sullivan, and George Edson. Corey explained suggestions made by Jim Fitch and Billy Monette: drybridge/cattle tunnel on Lang Road; Viewing/listening to the elk @ Clark Camp, Tift, West Pass, Levitt Hill roads; Blow Me Down Dam/falls/stone bridge; Views of Mt. Ascutney, Littell and Tift Roads.  
  
Jody met with Fred Sullivan who identified old schoolhouses and Brown's Store (but they are on the historic map and needn't be added to the points of interest map), fire ponds, Atwood Garage/previously Blacksmith Shop.  
  
Linda is waiting for George Edson's feedback.
4. Other Business
  - a. Kestrel Event 4/28/24 Follow-Up. Jody noted that the article about the event appeared in Connect Cornish, linked to our website where the article itself and

photos are posted. Jody appreciated Bob's having updated CCC's notice boxes at Town Office and 12% Solution; she said that the meeting was well-attended, and the presence of the live bird enhanced the presentation. The group discussed placement of a kestrel box in Cornish, on the CREA property. Jody will work to identify an organization or individual who could help to site the best location on CREA.

- b. Send note to the Select Board re: mowing swimming hole. John Hammond said he brought this up at the last BOS meeting. He noted that the spillway is full of gravel and they will clean it out as well as mow the swimming area.
- c. Upcoming Conservation Notes/Jody. There are no pending Notes. For July we had anticipated the announcement of a new NRI, but this will be delayed. Jody, Julie and Cindy will suggest something else.

In October, there will be another suggestion made since the Conservation Plan will not be ready.

Tentatively we'll do a kayak and water testing event in July/August - this is still under consideration and Cindy and Jody will follow up with us.

- d. There is a land sale upcoming on the Meyeette property, and when a transfer of land takes place, the BOS will be notified. John said he would tell us. We should think about how to approach the new owner - Reyer will initiate a conversation with Brian Meyeette and update CCC.
- e. Review plans for land monitoring [schedule](#). Linda reviewed the schedule and who's responsible for getting the walks scheduled. She asked that a date be in place for each by the end of June. She also asked that CCC schedulers get at least two optional dates, one of which would be on a weekend and that the owner be invited and encouraged to attend.
- f. Review proposed [redesign of CCC's googledrive](#) (Jody/Linda). Linda and Jody had prepared and proposed a redesign. Linda reviewed the new structure vs the old structure. The group agreed that the changes should be made, and Linda will prepare this for review at the June meeting.

5. Resignation of Corey Fitch.

- a. Corey has sent a letter of resignation effective today to the BOS, Linda will ask Mary Curtis for a copy of the letter.
- b. The group discussed the next chair position, Glenn is willing to take the position but not until after he retires at the end of the year. Julie said that although she is

interested in the position, she feels she is too new both to Cornish and to the CCC to pursue that opportunity at this time. Jody agreed to take on an interim role of chair - pending naming a new chair. Linda agreed to be the keeper of the key to the Town Offices.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
  - a. Interim Chair - Discussion of Goals for the remainder of 2024
  - b. Quarterly Treasurer's Report
  - c. Conservation Notes Update
  - d. Final Land Monitoring schedule in place
  - e. Annual Award Candidate Ideas
7. There was a brief reception in Corey's honor.
8. Next CCC Meeting date Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 7pm
9. Adjournment. Corey adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.