



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2019 10:30 am, Cornwall Town Hall

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Katherine Freygang and Debby Bennett. Margie Purnell, and Hector Prud'homme members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

The minutes of the special meeting of July 2, 2019 were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Changes since last meeting

COMMUNITY FORUMS:

Patrick will submit the summary of comments made by participants at the Cornwall Community Forums to the Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning.

2020 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

A discussion addressed issues of concern in the latest draft of the 2020 POCD from the perspective of conservation in Cornwall. The Commission noted the following points;

- Lack of focus on development and enhancement of existing business and community centers (Cornwall Bridge, Cornwall Village and West Cornwall)
- The suitability map should be taken into account when considering changes to zone size or density. So that changes don't worsen any already unsuitable existing locations.
- Need to mention of protection of Cornwall's water resources including all water bodies, wetland areas, streams, and riparian buffers....not just recreational water bodies.
- The Conservation Commission would like to participate in the drafting of the Future Land Use Map.
- Add Ridgeline Map to list of included maps

Mulberry will write a memo delineating the commission's concerns.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY:

Discussion of draft Forestry Resources chapter addressed:

- Augmenting of text with additional forest related topics (perhaps in the form of sidebars or separate text boxes).
- Avoid describing issues which are well known or previously defined elsewhere
- An expanded integration of specific forest places in Cornwall with the general discussion text. (Mohawk Forest, Housatonic State forest, Wyantnock State Forest, Gold Pines, Cathedral Pines, and other privately held forest lands.

SUSTAINABLE CT

The annual report is due August 30 so we will have a full review at our next meeting. As it stands it looks like we have a chance at a Bronze rating. That depends on the submission of 2 reports to fulfill categories. One is a housing questionnaire and the other is an equity action report. Our series of community forums are an action to develop community voice and therefore able to be submitted for the equity requirement. We will see how much cooperation we can engender for the housing report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Prep for Ag Fair September 14th....CCC to man one of three booths.
- Commission agreed to co-sponsor Third Annual Clean Up and Green Up
- Katie Freygang volunteered to organize a presentation by Harry White on forests in October.

MOTION to adjourn at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry
assisted by Katie Freygang