



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 26, 2019 2:30 pm, Cornwall Town Offices

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm

The minutes of the special meeting of August 22, 2019 were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A **MOTION** was proposed and agreed to donate \$50 to the Conservation Land Trust's sponsored Third Annual Clean Up and Green Up
- Patrick will contact P&Z and the Land Trust regarding contributing to the cost of the Horizon Line

2020 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The commission held a freewheeling and wide ranging discussion and general review of the issues raised by the conservation commission memo to P&Z regarding the POCD.

The main points were;

- 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.
- Clarifying the role and background origin of the proposed sustainability manager.
- Lack of emphasis on weekenders and older residents

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY:

Discussion of draft Forestry Resources chapter addressed:

- Debby reiterated the points raised in our last discussion which related to the emphasis of the chapter text. Whether the priority should be on a system wide explanation of the scientific nature of the issues facing our forests or a more 'place' orientated discussion which addresses each specific forest and how are they impacted by or representative of the system wide issues.
- Consensus was that there should be some mechanism that blended the two approaches.
- Hector suggested a description of the scientific issues followed by a discussion of each specific forest.

SUSTAINABLE CT

The Sustainable CT application for a Bronze Certification was submitted September 1. The chart of actions will be updated and circulated to both CCC and BOS. A condensed report that will accompany the presentation to the BOS in November was reviewed by CCC and CCC volunteers. This timing represents the end of the POCD project and the beginning our new selectman' s term.

For background, KF described the history of the Sustainability effort in Cornwall and CT starting with ECCO (elucidating EColoogy in COrnwall) to Cornwall Energy (CETF) which has been encapsulated by Sustainable CT (S-CT) now residing with the Cornwall Conservation Commission (CCC).

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioners agreed to submit brief descriptions of the past year's activities to be included in this year's Annual Report.
- Katie Freygang suggested that the commission postpone a presentation by Harry White on forest resources and management until after the P&Z meeting to present the draft POCD to the community organizations.

MOTION to adjourn at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry
assisted by Katie Freygang