



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of November 12, 2020 held 10:30 am, conducted as a Zoom Session

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Katherine Freygang and Debby Bennett. Nancy Berry and Heidi Cunnick of the Cream Hill Lake Task Force, were participants.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

The minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2020 were approved as noted

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The commission has \$1500 in its account for fiscal year 2020/2021. Katie reports that funds associated with the Energy Task Force in the amount of \$1751, are available for use to be applied to energy related issues.
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RIDGELINE PROTECTION MAP

The HVA has submitted the first draft of the horizonline map for review and comment. Patrick will follow up with Stacy Deming to request an explanation of the map graphics to be conducted at our next meeting.

Debby suggests that the commission conduct a working session to help explain the workings of the map and to discuss the technical details associated with information to be conveyed.

It was decided that the commissioners and supporters conduct an informal check and take photos at each of the designated "viewpoints" noted on the map for each part of town. Mulberry will check Cornwall Bridge, Freygang Cornwall Village, Bennet Cornwall Hollow, and Berry will check the Rt. 4 corridor.

Heidi Cunnick suggests that commissioners use an app "Bad Elf GPS" to mark latitude and longitude of each viewpoint the commissioners survey.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY:

Margie Purnell submitted a memo that outlined an updated list of categories and map set. Katie Freygang suggested that a plan of action be created that outlines each of the tasks involved with the NRI, who will be responsible for each chapter, and the timeline for completing each task. The commission decided it was time to form a subcommittee (Katie,

Pat, Deb, Margie) that would meet and determine a management plan.
Patrick will contact Gordon Ridgway to request commission access to the town planning consultant, Janelle Mullen.

COMPLIING A LIST OF PLACES OF PRIORITY PROTECTION

Heidi suggested that a map could be created that identifies geographically the various areas and features that are worthy of note or protection. And suggested that as commissioners document ridgeline “viewpoints” that they also note places that might be considered for the list of priority places.

A discussion of how to treat the various categories of places (critical habitat, scenic value, cultural and historic importance, etc.) might be illustrated on the map. A subcommittee (Heidi, Debby, Patrick, Katie) will discuss this before the next meeting.

Patrick will develop a “Statement of Purpose” to be submitted to P&Z in an effort to inform the planners of our approach and obtain feedback on it’s suitability for P&Z purposes.

CREAM HILL LAKE TASK FORCE

Heidi and Nancy updated the status of the testing results at the Cream Hill Lake.

OUTREACH

Debby reported the upcoming and ongoing efforts of the outreach committee to host events in partnership with the Land Trust and the Cornwall Library.

A reminder that the commission wishes to contribute to the selectmen’s monthly newsletter with a brief explanation of CCC activities should be submitted on an occasional basis.

SUSTAINABLE CT

A **MOTION** was made and approved authorizing the commission’s support of a letter to recognize the efforts of the CT Energy Network over the past 15 years.

Katie notes that in the final draft of the 2020 POCD the mention of the conservation commission as ‘partner’ in the internet expansion effort was dropped. Katie hopes to correct this oversight.

Katie also reported on both the mapping efforts of the Economic Development Committee and the reports for the Internet Expansion Committee.

2020-2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

A **MOTION** was made and approved accepting the proposed meeting schedule for 2020-2021 (attached here)

SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED

Natural Resource Inventory: Margie Purnell, Katie Freygang, Debby Bennett

Priority Places: Heidi Cunnick, Patrick Mulberry

Outreach: Debby Bennett, Katie Freygang

MOTION to adjourn at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry and Katherine Freygang