



## **Cornwall Conservation Commission**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2019 held 7 pm, at the Cornwall Library

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Katherine Freygang and Debby Bennett.  
Nancy Berry member of the public was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

The minutes of the special meeting of September 26, 2019 were approved

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Katie Freygang reported that the commission has \$1450 in it's account for fiscal year 2019/2020

### **2020 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The commission opined positively on the 2020 POCD participation and outcome

### **NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY:**

Discussion of draft Forestry Resources chapter addressed:

- Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of how various Litchfield County towns (Kent, Salisbury, Norfolk and Colebrook) organized and formulated the topics in their respective Natural Resource Inventories.
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- Patrick reiterated his vision for a "place based" organization, which is to say a discussion of the factors and topics relative to specific places in Cornwall. For instance, the chapter on Forestry would be organized around discussions of each of the major forests in town (Mohawk State, Housatonic State, Wyantenock State forests). The written text would address the diverse issues raised in Joe Markow's *Forestry Resources* draft and Debby Bennett's *Forest Threats* associated with each specific forest in Cornwall.

- Debby preferred an approach exemplified by the Kent NRI, which describes the history of local forests, a big picture overview and an in depth discussion of forest types, management and threats. Recommendations and references were placed at the close of the chapter. Patrick agreed to re-read the Kent NRI to assess how the different approaches may be integrated.

## CELEBRATE OUR FORESTS

The commission expressed keen interest in collaborating with other like-minded organizations in town such as the Conservation Trust and the Cornwall Consolidated School to organize and conduct events that promote awareness of issues related to all aspects of Cornwall's forests. Inviting speakers, organizing specialized hikes, art-themed events and similar community events were suggested. Katie Freygang volunteered to oversee this effort.

## SUSTAINABLE CT

Katie reports that the Sustainable CT program was presented to the selectmen and the Bronze Award will be issued at Foxwoods on Dec 3rd

## NEW BUSINESS

- The commissioners agreed to a **MOTION** to set the 2020 schedule of commission meetings to be held at 10:30 am on the third Thursday of the each month. (See attached schedule)
- Nancy Berry requested that the Cream Hill Lake Study Group coordinate and integrate its activities with those of the Conservation Commission. The commissioners welcomed Nancy's suggestion with an expression of support.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry