



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2020 held 10:30 am, conducted as a Zoom Session

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Debby Bennett, Katherine Freygang and Sean Quinn.

Nancy Berry and Heidi Cunnick of the Cream Hill Lake Task Force, and supporting member of the public Margie Purnell were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order as a Zoom Session at 10:35 am

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2021 were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The commission has \$1500 in its account for fiscal year 2020/2021. Approximately \$1000 will due for the balance of payment to HVA for the Ridge-line mapping task.

2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST

Mulberry reported that the selectmen discussed the 2021-2022 CCC budget request and agreed to fund \$3560 of the total request of \$4560. These monies will be sufficient to carry out the commission's goals over the next year as well as provide funds for the expert evaluation of the Cream Hill Lake test results recommended by Nancy and Heidi. It was suggested that if there remained any shortfall in funds, that they be solicited from private donors.

RIDGELINE PROTECTION MAP

Stacy Deming of the HVA GIS Department is completing the second round of mapping related creating an additional zone of structures of 35' in height that may penetrate the visual appearance of the natural ridgelines. Debby mentioned that viewpoints from the Cornwall Hollow part of town (along Route 43) were not sufficiently documented. Deb also mentioned that back roads less frequently traveled should also be included. It was also agreed that "protected lands" such as state forests be mapped since they could lose their protection at any

point in time if so decided by the State.

COMPLIING A LIST OF PLACES OF PRIORITY PROTECTION

Deb and Heidi have complied and mapped at list of approximately two dozen places of note. It was suggested that the “places” be grouped by category....such as natural resources and critical habitats, cultural and historic places, recreational, etc. Eventually the goal will be to convert this information to a digital format which will allow users to click on a point on the map and have window pop up explaining in more detail the nature of the “place’ and perhaps include photos.

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. Attention will be paid to frame the description not only as a tool for identifying places of note but also as an opportunity to reveal places that might be suitable for development.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The sub-committee of Mulberry, Bennett, Freygang and Purnell met (by zoom) to develop a schedule and assign responsibilities for the project. Margie Purnell will pen a memo outlining the project categories and fixing an approximate schedule for completion. She will also search for additional collaborators to contribute to the various more technical aspects of the work.

OUTREACH

Annual Reports are pending from WCCAA and S-CT and CCC will be reporting at the P&Z annual on Feb 4.

MOTION to adjourn at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry