



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 15, 2021 held 10:30 am, conducted as a Zoom Session

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Debby Bennett, Katie Freygang, and Sean Quinn. Nancy Berry and Heidi Cunnick of the Cream Hill Lake Task Force, Priscilla Pavel, Selectman; and supporter Margie Purnell were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order as a Zoom Session at 10:30 am

The minutes of the special meeting of March 18, 2021 were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The commission was reminded that the allocation of funds for the Ridgeline Map and Analysis of Cream Hill Lake water testing need to be submitted before the end of the fiscal year (June30, 2021).
- A final budget amount of \$2560 was allocated for the commission expenses for fiscal year 2021-2022.
- Patrick requests that the Cream Hill Lake Task Force propose a budget for expenses during the next year.

RIDGELINE PROTECTION MAP

Debby Bennet distributed (by email) a current draft of the HVA produced horizon line map and a document explaining the rationale behind the regulations and how they may work. Debby is organizing an informal sub-committee to consider the specifics. Stacy Deming, Bruce Bennett, Heidi Cunnick, and Sean Quinn will participate. Margie reminds us that Bruce's involvement (alternate on P&Z) needs to made clear is conducted as a private citizen. Patrick still thinks Bruce's participation will be advantageous to introduce the concept to the full P&Z commission.

COMPLIING A LIST OF PLACES OF NOTE

A discussion revolved around how to phrase the study of unique or special places in Cornwall that deserve special note or preservation. The term “places of priority protection” stemmed from the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development as a charge for the commission at it’s reformation (also one of the goals of the 20210 POCD). Heidi lobbies for “places of note” or “noteworthy places” since the categories of places (cultural and historic, scenic, critical habitat, recreational, etc.) may encompass a more expansive consideration of what constitutes ‘special’. Mulberry would like to organize a working session or sub-committee to collate the various data and information currently available with mapping and to apply those parameters to the designated ‘places’.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Margie reports on going progress to create an organizational chart of the various NRI tasks to be completed, marks their progress and assigns primary and secondary responsibility for each task.

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Katie reports on “complete streets” progress currently underway to addresses the configuration of the traffic intersection in Cornwall Bridge. It is felt that the commission should participate in the effort to comment on Council of Government plans for the intersection as well as advance principles of good town planning beyond traffic flow such as pedestrian access, safe bicycle passage, inviting places to enjoy green spaces, electric vehicle charging stations, and sufficient commercial volume to attract vehicle and foot traffic. It was relayed that Hector Prud’ homme encourages us to “think big” .

A report on the Air Monitoring Project is being prepared with the help of UCONN and DEEP. Sean will join the WCCAA committee with Katie and Garrick Dineen.

Other outreach efforts were discussed. Margie suggested the commission may reach out to the local schools (CCS & HVRHS) to engage kids in a commission activity. Pat suggested that CCC engage with residents to develop proposals for the Complete Streets Project.

Katie also reported that due to overlap in the efforts of various committees to construct maps, develop websites, and review the plan for Cornwall Bridge, it would be a good time to request that a town committee coordinator be instituted as per the POCD and so will prepare a draft.

MOTION to adjourn at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mulberry