



Cornwall Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of April 21, 2022 held 10:30 am conducted by Zoom Session

Commissioners in attendance: Patrick Mulberry, Katie Freygang, Heidi Cunnick, and Debby Bennett, and Nancy Berry.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

The minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2022 were accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A budget amount of \$2217 remains for the commission expenses for fiscal year 2021-2022.
- Heidi will get an invoice for the \$100 expense for "Barberry Hackathon" event and for the purchase of the Van Dorn water testing device.
- Nancy volunteered to take over the role of Treasurer to start after the election of officers at the June meeting

COMMISSION BY LAWS & PROCEEDURES

- Mulberry will pass along a copy of the draft By Laws for commission review
- It was agreed that part of the June regular meeting will be dedicated the nomination and election of officers.
- Heidi suggests that the commission should also use the time in that meeting to address priorities for the upcoming year.

OUTREACH/WEB SITE

- Katie reports that the following events are planned for the upcoming period:
Insect walk with Dr. Rob Clark April 30th 1 pm at the entry to the Trinity preserve
Welles Preserve plant species labeling (to be completed mid-May)
Outreach walk at Welles Preserve May 22nd

- Katie has coordinated publicity for the “No Mow May” effort, including notices in the Chronicle and sign for yards that participate

RURAL CHARACTER

- It was agreed that the Description of Cornwall’s Physical and Cultural Landscapes document be submitted to Anna Timell as drafted
- Mulberry objected due to the absence of specific descriptions of Cornwall’s actual physical characteristics such as open spaces, water bodies, forests, farmlands, patterns of settlement, etc.

REMOVAL OF TREES AT HOUSATONIC MEADOWS STATE PARK

- Katie reports the working committee is focused on three aspects:
Re-write vegetation hazard evaluation
Develop a detailed plan for restoration of the area
Recommend how DEEP may reorganize to avoid a repeat of the circumstances surrounding removal of vegetation on state property

SPRAYING ALONG THE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

- Heidi reported that meeting with Anna Timell discussed alternate methods of managing road side vegetation
- Heidi will contact other impacted town’s conservation commissions in order to coordinate efforts.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- A discussion revolved around assisting the town recycling staff with efforts to introduce a composting service and address issues of waste management
- A subcommittee was formed to address the issue Nancy Berry will it head up.

MOTION to adjourn at 12:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Mulberry