**CCC Minutes for the Meeting of January 19, 2023**

Location: Cornwall Library

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 am

Attending was Chairperson Heidi Cunnick, Commissioners Nancy Berry, Deb Bennett, Katherine Freygang. Also in attendance was Margie Purnell.

The agenda was approved.

The December minutes were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Nancy Berry reported tat the treasury had the same balance of $1975.42. A new budget will be submitted to Barbara Herbst for the years 2023-2024. The new amount requested will be $1760. It was suggested that the various agencies within the budget list outside funds supporting CCC projects (e.g., Lake Task Force

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Section #1-Projects Near Completion**

There were no projects to discuss at this time. A copy of the projected calendar of events was passed out to all members. It was decided to postpone the birdsong inventory project until next year.

**Section #2-Education and Outreach**

Waste and Composting

A lengthy discussion took place about the upcoming forum on Waste and Composting. It was noted that more details will follow after the Jan 21st working group meeting with members of the Cornwall Garden Club and CCC and Cary Institute. Members Cunnick, Bennett and Berry represented CCC in the special meeting. It was noted that the subject of waste and composting was presented by Chair Cunnick at the BoS meeting on Jan 17. The Cornwall selectmen would like to pursue coordinated programs with Litchfield and our transfer station and the men who run it, Ted and Will.

Other options may be available via Curbside Composting as Sharon and Salisbury are currently doing.

Heid offered to compose a spread sheet of approximate costs to the town for a municipal curbside municipal plan. This plan would involve Cornwall residents bringing their wet garbage to the transfer station for pickup by a contractor for delivery to the Sharon/Salisbury transfer station. There was a positive response on all fronts.

**Section #3-Program Monitoring Whereby Active Ongoing Projects are Monitored by Committee Leads**

Sustainable CT

It was noted that Sustainable CT was invited to present to the board of Selectmen but was not listed on the agenda. The stated purpose was to present a lengthy report done by Freygang and two summer interns. Sustainable CT has been placed under the CCC to support other town committees and only some of the actions are to be administered by CCC and therefore stands on its own. It is chaired by Katie Freygang and supported by staff member Karen Nelson. Katie then presented a summary of current actions to the BoS. It was suggested that we use the school as a model of sustainable actions because of the solar technology, garden project and recycling currently underway at CCS.

Herbicide by HRRC

Chairperson Cunnick briefly reported on the current progress of the HRRC Working Group. She pointed out that the group is gathering information only at this time. The Group now has representatives from all six adjoining towns. It was noted that the passing of the Wild and Scenic Housatonic Act will make the job easier.

Lake Task Force

A water testing event will be held in July at Cream Hill Lake. Details to follow.

It should be mentioned that there are still two positions open on CCC. Heidi will check on Sean Quinn’s term.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am