

Cornwall Conservation Commission
Agenda for Thursday, January 21, 2016
12:00-1:30 pm, Cornwall Town Hall

Designate Recording Secretary

Community Values Mapping Proposal

Wildlife Corridor Documentation Project
Outreach program with the elementary school
Sites and data collection

Updates:

- Conservation Fund
- Zoning Regulations
- Letters to landowners of significant sites
- Subdivision applications (clarification of the notification process)
- Shapefiles
- Pamphlet showcasing Cornwall's Important natural places
- Guided outings: Snowshoe hike in Swamp (late February) and springtime paddle on the Lemon Fair

New Business

- Town Forest
- Town Meeting (Corridor Documentation, outings, ComValMap)

Date for Next meeting

CC Gathering: Wednesday, March 23rd from 7-9 pm at Salisbury School

Draft notes From SB January 5, 2016 meeting

Draft Document of Funding Principles - Continued discussion on draft of a set of principles for review of new funding requests that may come from citizens who are not part of an official town board or committee. Principles would not apply to appropriations that have already been through a vetting process, or governmental functions in an ordinary course. Based on suggestions tonight, Magna will edit the document, will talk with the Trustees of Public Funds, and send the draft back to the board for review before the next meeting.

Conservation fund request - Holly Noordsy discussed with the board. The written request has clear goals, but no specific project or dollar amount is specified. It was agreed to table the issue until the board has a chance to talk with Dave Anderson. The board would like to separate the legal issue from the funding issue.

Development Review Board (DRB) developments – Meeting held with Jim Carroll to determine next steps. Resolution document is being prepared, based on a model from the Town of Chester. DRB members - 5 minimum, with 2 alternates. Will need to adopt Municipal Administrative Procedure Act (MAPA). Title 24 VSA Chapter 36 – MAPA specifies development review procedures (rules of procedure) for quasi-judicial boards. A decision will need to be made on the process for appeals of DRB decisions. Most DRBs in Vermont use “de Novo” as the simpler process. Board members should generate list of questions to ask interested candidates, before the next meeting.