

Draft Minutes: Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
7:00-9:00 pm at Mary Dodge's House (1712 Sperry Road)

Members present: Mary Dodge (MD), Bethany Barry (BB), Bryan Howlett (BH), Marc Cesario (MC). Also attending: Stan Gryzb

#### Old Business

- Sue Morse Slide Show Presentation  
"Wild Yet Wonderfully Near: Bobcats of Cornwall and the Champlain Valley" is scheduled for 7:00 pm, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Workshop costs will be shared by the Vera Peet Trust Bequest, the Elementary school, and the CC with funds from its Plant Swap activities. Refreshments will be available; CC members and the Friends of Cornwall School, and Sunrise Orchards will be asked to help with this. Attendees will be encouraged to leave a contribution to help defray workshop costs.
- Spring Events  
Planning Commission CVM meeting with Jens Hilke (Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm): PC welcomes us and Jens has encouraged the CC to attend, saying our participation would be helpful.  
BioFinder Training (Mondays, March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>): BioFinder is an online mapping tool developed by the Agency of Natural Resources. The site contains maps of Vermont's connected forests and waterways, locations of important ecological resources, and other information that can be used for conservation planning. The CC is a co-sponsor with the Ripton CC and the VT Department of Fish & Wildlife; attendance is open to anyone interested in learning how to use the website. Preregistration is required.
- Town Meeting Announcements  
Values Mapping (MC), Bobcat Slide Show/Talk (MD), hiking trail (BB), BioFinder training (MD), River Watch sampling (RL). Handout of Map/Workshop Announcements

#### New Business

- Stan Gryzb, Addison County Regional Planning Commission Representative  
Stan described the work of the ACRPC and then talked the CC through the Natural Resources section of the 2016 Regional Plan. There was a discussion of how information in the 2015 Cornwall Natural Resources Inventory, specifically details documenting the town's significant natural features, could be added to state data and incorporated into the Town Plan.

Newsletter: April (Marc C)

No date was set for next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Mary Dodge