

Cornwall Conservation Commission (CCC) meeting, 11/17/16
Mary's home

Members present:, Mary Dodge (MD), Bethany Barry (BB), Brian Howlett (BH), Marc Cesario (MC), Rene Langis (RL)
Sadly missed: Marc Lapin (ML), Mike Sheridan (MS)

Minutes written by RL

After review, the 9/13/16 meeting minutes were approved

Old Business

- 1) CVM (Community Values Mapping) Workshop
The October 12, 2016 CVM workshop was attended by 70 Cornwall residents. Jens Hilke provided a preliminary map for CC review. Results from the school mapping efforts are in progress. A meeting with Jens will be scheduled to analyze mapping results.
- 2) Request for River Watch to include additional sampling sites in Cornwall.
River Watch Collaborative representative, Matt Witten acknowledged the request and suggested that a "water quality chat" be held this winter. RL will request clarification on process to add 2 stations and if water quality chat will be used to address the request. The CCC discussed adding 2 stations on Beaver Brook, one at Route 74 and the other at Clark Road. In addition, MD will seek information of the previous sampling results at Sperry to inform final selection of new sampling stations.
- 3) Update on Zoning Bylaws, work with DRB.
MD presented email from Jamey Fidel which included a suggestion with a request for town feedback. CC members will review and provide feedback to MD.
- 4) Site #23, Dr Bingham's Woods
MD reported that the property is now under probate. There may be interest is conserving the land for agriculture-forestry. MC will discuss this with a potentially interested buyer and report back to the CC. Steve Pratt will lead a walk on the site on 11/28/16.
- 5) School Wildlife Observation Stations Update.(Action on this is delayed until 2017.)
- 6) Cornwall Hiking Trails
CC members recognized that there is much interest in the community for a hiking trail through Cornwall. BB and MD will solicit names of interested community member(s) to lead this effort and provide support as needed.

New Business

- 1) MD reported on Annual AVCC Meeting held at Lake Morey Resort on Oct 22nd
- 2) A new user-friendly version of Biofinder and VT Atlas is coming up. MD will look into setting up a training session for regional CCs.
- 3) Town Hall Conservation Display Area (Not discussed.)

Newsletters: January (RL), April (MC),

Next meeting will be set once MD gets clarification on Jens Hilke's schedule.