

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2018
7:00-8:30 pm, Cornwall Town Hall

CC Members Present: Rene Langis (RL), Mary Dodge (MD), Marc Cesario (MC),

Designate Recording Secretary: RL:

Updates:

Trombulak Presentation: All agreed presentation was very informative and good way to introduce wildlife connectivity issues in Cornwall. Over 60 people attended the meeting.

Jim Andrews Slideshow/lecture (February 27th) & Walk (TBD): Funding for the lecture has been secured.

Exploratory Meeting to Discuss Cornwall Swamp Reclassification (November 26th): RL and MD reported on DEC Wetlands Specialist Zapata Courage's presentation describing what would be involved in the reclassification of the Swamp as a Class I Wetlands. The meeting was also attended by members of the Salisbury CC and Middlebury CC. Members present expressed their tentative support for pursuing Class I status for sections of the 15,000 acre Otter Creek Wetlands Complex. It was decided that each of the 3 Conservation Commissions would further discuss this initiative before taking a final decision to go forward. The next meeting will be scheduled for February.

Discussion Items:

Wildlife Connectivity and Unprotected Road Crossings Initiative: MC, RL, and MD began a review of the Road Crossing Map prepared by ANR, modifying the crossing locations as needed. For the crossing areas where more information is needed, other CC members and residents will be contacted to help with the review.

Recruiting New Members: Tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Town Website CC Content: Tabled until next meeting.

Date for next meeting. Dates were suggested. MD will poll members about options. Food: TBD

Newsletter: October (September: BB-done!), January (December: RL),
April (March: MS), July (June: MC)