

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
12:30-2:00 pm, Cornwall Town Hall

CC Members Present: Bethany Barry (BB), Katherine Branch (KB), Mary Dodge (MD), Rene Langis (RL)

Recording Secretary: MD

Old Business:

SB Zoning Bylaws Public Meeting (June 27th). Over 30 people attended the meeting. MD shared the CC's concerns about the removal of minor subdivisions from Ecological Overlay protection. Written comments were also submitted. (See attachment.) KB, BB and many others in attendance spoke about the importance of SFO applicability for minor subdivisions.

Swamp Reclassification Project Update. RL and MD continue to represent the CC on the Steering Committee. A public meeting on June 25th had over 30 people attending, half of which were from Cornwall.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative sampling in Beaver Brook. (Tabled.)

Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) Meeting. MD and KB met with MALT director, Jamie Montague, to express the CC's desire to be informed of and provide support for the organization's activities in Cornwall.

'19-'20 Outreach Programs.

- 1) Beaver Brook Headwaters Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th (rain date: November 2nd). Host Lise Anderson requested that a co-leader assist with the walk. Possible people were suggested. KB will continue to work on walk details.
- 2) Summer Migrants: Cornwall Birds (Spring presentation and walk.) Briefly discussed.
- 3) Talk about conservation options for Cornwall residents will be scheduled for the fall. We suspect that many people are unaware of the possible benefits of land conservation. RL will put together some ideas for a program and share them at the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Cheetham Sketch Plan and Minor Subdivision Application. MD and RL are in the process of completing the CC DRB Review.
- 2) Association of VT Conservation Commissions Summit (Saturday, 9-28)
- 3) CPC meetings. BB hopes to attend this month's meeting.

- 4) Wildlife Monitoring Project. MD proposed a pilot project for the CC that would help document the town's wider-ranging wildlife, their core habitat and connectivity corridors. The first step will be identifying important road crossings areas using game cameras. MD will explore funding for the purchase of the cameras. FPF and Sue's email could help find others doing monitoring or interested in doing it. The Elementary School might be interested in participating.
- 5) Welcome Bucket (VT Coverts), Town Hall Display Board and Map, Website. (Tabled.)

Date for next meeting: August 21st, 12:30-2:00. Tasty treat. KB

Newsletter: October '19 (September: Katherine), January '20 (December: Rene), April '20 (March: Bethany), July '20 (June)