

Draft Minutes
Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
12:30-1:30 pm, Zoom Teleconference

CC Members in Attendance: Katherine Branch (KB), Mary Dodge (MD), Rene Langis (RL), Mike Sheridan (MS).

Recording Secretary: MD

Old Business:

Conservation Fund. Work on the Conservation Fund continues. Collection of data on how Conservation Funds operate in other VT towns has been completed and a summary of this information has been drafted by KB. An invitation to townspeople to help with planning will be sent out to people on the Town email list. Planning Commission member Don Burns and John Betz have already indicated their interest and KB will be contacting them. KB will talk with Ben Marks about how to keep the Select Board apprised of this work. Information about the Conservation Fund will also be made available on the CC page on the Town Website.

Conservation Panel. The Conservation Panel is set for this Thursday, October 29th, 12:30-2:00pm. RL has organized the panel and will host the meeting. It will be recorded and made available on the town website.

Swamp. MD continues to work on conservation options for the Swamp, including "Not in the Grand List" properties.

Trail Cameras. Cameras are out. Placement sites include mapped connectivity areas and places where residents have seen wildlife with some frequency.

New Business:

CC Resignation. Anna Burns has resigned from the CC.

Website "Current Projects" page. Kieran Sheridan is working on adding descriptions of 3 CC projects to our page on the town website.

Knotweed. A small patch of Japanese Knotweed on State land was identified by Steve Reynolds in late September. Because the plant spreads quickly and is very hard to eradicate, it should be removed as soon as possible while the size of the infestation is small. After consultations with Road Foreman Mike Sunderland, Vtrans, F&W and others, a plan has been worked out for next year's growing season with frequent mowing by the town and a mid-summer herbicide treatment by F&W.

Date for next meetings. December 8th (12:30-1:30), January 4th (12:30-1:30)

Newsletter: January '20 (December); April '21 (March); July '21 (June) October '21 (September);