

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
12:30-2:00 pm

CCC Members Present: Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Mary Dodge, and Michael Sheridan.

Recording Secretary: Don Burns

Old Business:

1. **Conservation Blog.** Postponed until next meeting.
2. **CCC Website Page Update.**
 - a. Mary reviewed newly completed sections including Conservation Funding in Vermont Towns, CCC Celebrating Our Natural Resources brochure link and "Get Pollinated" event description.
 - b. Andrea is working on calendar listing of past CCC events.
 - c. Consider developing the current Conserving Land Panel to better describe details and benefits of environmental conservation.
 - d. Is there a way to monitor website activity? Mary to contact Peter McCormick with inquiry.
3. **CPC/CSB/DRB Meetings**
 - a. Draft Forest Integrity Section of Town Plan Review.
 - i. CPC has received comments from CCC, CSB, DRB and ACRPC.
 - ii. CPC will be reviewing comments and determining whether and/or how to incorporate into revised draft.
 - iii. Once complete, CPC will forward revised draft out to above referenced organizations for their further review.
 - b. Conservation Information for DRB Applicants
 - i. Mary forwarded the CCC's inquiry to Barbara Greenwood and David Anderson of DRB.
 - ii. Barbara responded that DRB would be open to discussing this after pending application is resolved.
4. **Updates**
 - a. Conservation Reserve Fund
 - i. Katherine recently received inquiry of donation interest.
 - ii. Mike suggested creating a donation link on the CCC website to make donating simpler. Katherine will explore how this can be easier for potential donors.
 - iii. Katherine submitted an updated spreadsheet of VT Conservation Fund to Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.
 - iv. Katherine suggested that the CCC be more proactive in identifying potential high risk and high value areas for possible conservation projects. Future brainstorming and discussion will be needed to

- explore the multiple aspects of such a focus. Katherine to further develop her thoughts.
- v. Don suggested highlighting recent conservation projects on the CCC website as examples of conservation efforts in Cornwall.
- b. Wildlife Trail Camera.
- i. Mary reviewed Cornwall iNaturalist program on the CCC website including brief explanation of its capabilities.
 - ii. Mary is setting up a second iNaturalist site that will invite residents to add observations that augment the Trail Camera data.
 - iii. Five out of six trail cameras in operation. One suffering from technical difficulties.

New Business:

1. Winter/Spring Programming.

- a. Cornwall Landscape and Geology presentation by Will Amidon.
 - i. Will is available the week of March 21.
 - ii. Consider title (ex. Cornwall Rocks!) for presentation.
 - iii. Consider picture for event notice.
 - iv. Consider how this presentation links to Environmental Conservation.

Date for Next Meetings: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 12:30-2:00PM.
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 12:30-2:00PM.

Newsletter: April '22 (March); July '22 (June), October '22 (September), January '23 (December)