

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2022
7:00-8:30 pm

CCC Members Present: Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Mary Dodge, Andrea Landsberg, Michael Sheridan and Kristina Sargent.

Recording Secretary: Don Burns

Old Business:

1. FEMA Letter

- a. Risk mapping project does not appear to directly affect Cornwall at this time.
- b. No comment from CCC at this time. Don will inform CSB.

2. Connectivity Map (Jens Hilke) Review

- a. Discussed accuracy of CPC's Draft Forest Integrity Habitat Connectivity designations and map.
- b. Reviewed the new map created by Jens using LIDAR BioFinder data that shows a greater number of connectors dispersed throughout the town; discussed potential improvements that could be made in the mapping.
- c. Will need to have a compelling argument for replacement of Forest Integrity Blocks map in the current draft Town Plan or for addition of Jens' Habitat Connectors map to the current draft Town Plan.
- d. Mary and Andrea to meet with Jens.
 - i. Discuss how best to improve usefulness of Jens' map.
 - ii. Develop reasons to replace current PC map with Jens' map.

3. CCC Leadership Transition

- a. Chair Responsibilities
 - i. Most important function is providing CCC vision and direction.
 - ii. Will continue to rotate preparing meeting agendas and chairing meetings for now.
 - iii. Kristina graciously volunteered to assist and support Mary as Co-chair as Mary transitions out of full time Chair position.
 - iv. Katherine offered to work with Emily May and oversee CCC quarterly website updates.
 - v. Andrea volunteered to manage the CC Bulletin Board
- b. CCC Membership Recruitment
 - i. Reviewed Andrea's draft post for Front Porch Forum.
 - ii. Andrea to post on Front Porch Forum and refresh every 6-8 weeks.

4. Future Public Programs – Tabled discussion for next meeting.

5. Get Wild! Blog

- a. Andrea/Kristina to add CCC portion of Cornwall Newsletter to Blog moving forward.
- b. Katherine to conduct Google search to test Search Engine Optimization of the blog.
- c. Advertising Options
 - i. Andrea to share blog overview and link with AVCC list serve.
 - ii. Will also continue with FPF posts but have them reflect the different forums and new post content.

6. Conservation Landowner Interviews

- a. No new interviews.
- b. Katherine to write "Three Great Reasons to Conserve Land" in the next Town of Cornwall Newsletter.

7. Ecological Planning Laboratory Survey

- a. Andrea to fill out and submit survey.

8. Joint Meeting with Weybridge and Salisbury CCs – Tabled for future meeting.

New Business:

1. CCC Website Update List

- a. Katherine offered to work with Emily and oversee CCC website updates.
- b. Will post CCC activity table (2020 forward).

2. CCC Newsletters

- a. Andrea to put together January newsletter.
- b. *April newsletter: TBD?*
- c. Katherine to put together July newsletter.
- d. Kristina to put together October newsletter.

3. Misc.

- a. Town of Cornwall Website Coordinator
 - i. Don will talk to Sue Johnson and, afterwards, the CSB about engaging the services of a website coordinator for the Town of Cornwall website.

Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 7:00-8:30PM. Town Hall
Chair: Katherine, Minutes: Mary

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