

**Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 (7:00-8:30 pm)
Cornwall Town Hall**

CCC Members in Attendance: Katherine Branch (chairing this meeting), Don Burns, Mary Dodge, Kristina Sargent, Michael Sheridan, and Andrea Landsberg

Recording Secretary: Mary Dodge

November 21, 2023 Minutes: Andrea moved/Seconded. Motion passed-all in favor.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of “Habitat Blocks and Wildlife Connectors” draft map made by Hannah Andrews at ACRPC.
Suggestions were made for its further development, including the need for a better legend and labeling of sources, the addition of NR data from adjacent towns, and the removal “wildlife” from title. In addition to revisions in the map, the following rationale for its inclusion in the update will need to be made: it is built upon more recent data, it is more accurate in capturing the towns connected habitat, it will serve as an important resource for the Town in future planning, development and conservation efforts. Andrea and Mary will continue to lead this work.
2. Aerial Photo Maps. Mary and Katherine have been working with Bill Hegman (GIS Specialist/Teaching Fellow, Middlebury College) to assemble the 1942 and 1962 aerial photo maps for possible inclusion on the CC website and possible replacement for link in the Town Plan update.
3. Commission programs for winter/next year. Reviewed 2022 CC Work Plan. Reviewed list of suggestions for 2023 from October meeting. We want to balance type and timing of

activities, but leave the possibility of new opportunities arising. A tentative list for 2023 Community Education Events was developed.

4. Joint meeting with Salisbury & Weybridge CCs. Date? Topics? (tabled).
5. CC website updating. Katherine will be working with Emily May on the CC updates. Ideas and text should be sent to her before December 18th.
6. Blog update. Andrea reported on new usage stats.
7. Newsletter. Andrea shared her idea for an advocacy piece as a possible newsletter addition. Concern expressed that our submissions were running long, caused in part, by the extra space needed to accommodate the accompanying pictures. Pieces like this might be added when the CC news is less. Andrea will be putting together the CC's January newsletter.
8. Reports from Select Board, DRB and Planning Commission. Don reported that the SB is considering a major renovation of the website. Don reported on the DRB's 4th MacFadden meeting and the CC's testimony. The DRB suggested that the CC offer the connectivity information to the new owners. Planning Commission Town Plan Update hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2023.

New Business:

1. Letter from Bernie Paquette, Jericho re Invasives Day (Tabled)
2. Next meeting date. Tuesday, January 10, 2023. 7:00-8:30 pm. Kristina will chair the meeting. Katherine will do the minutes. Suggestion for future consideration: would it be helpful to have a regular monthly meeting day?

Newsletter: January '23 (December-Andrea), April '23 (Kristina),
July '22 (June-Katherine), October '23 (September-Mike???)