

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
Thursday October 10, 2024 (3:30-4:30 pm)
Cornwall Town Hall

CCC Members: Don Burns, Mary Dodge, Andrea Landsberg, Donna Marks, Kristina Sargent, and Michael Sheridan

Meeting Chair: Kristina Sargent

Recording Secretary: Andrea Landsberg

Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2024.

Old Business

1. Inventory of Cornwall Habitat Connectivity Blocks (Mary, Donna)
 - a. One of the camera's captured photos of a family of bobcats
 - b. Suggestion to have a public session to share what we've captured with town
 - c. Logo – Donna continues to work on
 - d. Discussed putting the logo on T-shirts (Middlebury Shop)
 - i. Why would we do this?
 1. Fundraising, or just awareness building
 2. Use as 'prize' for educational activities?
 - ii. Where to get them? Potentially could work with Middlebury Shop
 - iii. Will discuss further when we have finalized the logo
2. 2024 Work Plan
 - a. Fall fieldtrip to Shelburne Farms (Don, Andrea)
 - i. Only 4 spots available; Andrea sent second FPF post
 - ii. Don will contact Tre with update and find out where to meet
 - iii. Andrea will email registrants with details early next week
3. Membership Recruitment (All)
 - a. Mary suggested that Mike write up an amusing note for Laura to send out on Town email list +/- FPF
 - b. Don – suggestion to stage an open house with refreshments
 - i. On Earth Day? Or Green Up Day?
 - ii. Continue to brainstorm this at next meeting
 - c. Also should talk with attendees of Shelburne Farms trip
4. Library Pass Program (Donna)
 - a. Donna requested to be on next Library Committee meeting agenda

New Business

1. Utilizing "Make Room for Wildlife" resource suggested by Beth Hill
 - a. Discussed how to distribute:
 - i. List with Zoning applications – would need DRB permission
 - ii. Share with ZA (Lynn Coale) for his awareness

- iii. Put into next Town Newsletter
 - iv. Send to local architects?
 - b. Communications should note:
 - i. How these practices follow goals in our current Town Plan
 - ii. How following these guidelines could enhance property values
 - iii. Perhaps also include ‘how this applies to Cornwall’
 - c. Conclusion: Don and Mary will meet with Lynn to talk about how to get this to residents planning development activities
- 2. "Get Wild" Blog and CC Instagram activity
 - a. Both Andrea and Kristina can no longer access editor side of blog to get at statistics
 - b. Facebook and Instagram zero views in past 3 months
 - c. Natalia interested in continuing in some way
 - i. Her posts and photos too much for FB and Instagram
 - ii. Direct her to OCAS to see if they have an interest
 - d. Decision made to remove blog link from CC section of website and replace with Facebook and Instagram links
 - i. We could upload photos of CC activities and put the links to these sites into the Town Newsletter
- 3. State Municipal Day on Nov 1st in Montpelier
 - a. CC members may want to consider attending
 - b. Sessions could be of interest to PC, SB members also – Don will share

Updates, Reports and Announcements

- 1. Reports from CSB, CPC and DRB (Don, Mary)
 - a. CPC – Mary will send a written summary of presentation she gave as requested by Conor
- 2. CORA Project (Andrea)
 - a. Still awaiting Stormwater Permit decision
- 3. Newsletter guidelines (Kristina) –
 - a. Waiting to hear back on clarification from town clerk
 - a. Open questions about: are photos okay, why just electronic now, what limit on content?
 - c. Kristina will reach out again to Laura again for clarification
- 4. Website updates –
 - a. Time to submit items for updating in addition to:
 - i. Add Donna’s name
 - ii. Replace blog link with FB and IG
 - b. Emily still slow to respond; Donna offered to begin doing our updates
 - i. Mary will get password, etc from Emily and provide to Donna

Next Meetings and Newsletters:

Second Thursday of month through December at 3:30PM

November 14th – Mike: Meeting Chair, Kristina: Recording Secretary

December 12th – Donna: Meeting Chair, Mike: Recording Secretary

Newsletter (pdf, 2 pages? or less): November '24 (October-Mary), February '25 (January-Andrea)