

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025 (4:00-5:00PM)

Cornwall Town Hall

CCC Members in Attendance: Don Burns, Rex Chamberlain, Dan Comar, Mary Dodge, Alex Harden, Andrea Landsberg (phone), and Michael Sheridan

Meeting Chair: Mary Dodge Recording Secretary: Don Burns

Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2025.

Old Business

1. Inventory of Cornwall Habitat Connectivity Blocks (Mary)
 - a. No change from last month. Cameras and tracking ongoing.
2. Logo Update: Discussion of Future Uses (Donna)
 - a. Donna pulled together sticker options and pricing for review.
 - b. Table decision until March when Donna is in attendance.
3. 2025 Work Plan Discussion. (All)
 - a. Amphibian Monitoring (Mary & Dan)
 - i. Dan & Kristy Tolgyesi volunteered to assist Mary.
 - ii. Logistics/Orientation meeting on March 9?
 - iii. Monitoring season roughly March 20 to April 20.
 - b. May Green Up Day CCC Table (Kristina)
 - i. Table until March when Kristina is in attendance.
 - c. OCAS Cornwall Bird Walk (Mary)
 - i. Dave Guertin with OCAS has offered to organize walk on Scove Hill in early-June (?).
 - ii. CCC & OCAS will advertise.
 - d. Community Survey (Andrea & Alex)
 - i. Alex & Andrea have drafted annual online survey with 8-9 questions. Will distribute to CCC for comments and decision at March CCC meeting.
 - ii. Considering incentive of Cornwall Habitat Connectivity sticker and raffle for gift card.
4. AVCC Membership (Mary)

- a. CCC membership has been renewed.
- b. Individuals need to request being on AVCC Listserve.
- c. Grants available for up to \$600.

New Business

1. Wildlife Crossings and Road Infrastructure Study (Mary, Don & Rex)
 - a. Dan interested in participating.
 - b. Mary to forward recent F&W webinar recording with resource links to Rex and Dan.
2. CCC Announcements at Town Meeting – March 1 @ 10:00AM (All)
 - a. Survey (Alex), Logo (Donna?), Amphibian Monitoring (Mary), Cornwall OCAS Bird Walk (Mary) and Habitat Connectivity Blocks Inventory (Mary).
 - b. CCC Table at Town Meeting
 - i. Survey, Amphibian Monitoring, Inventory, Logo and Invasives Tools.
 - ii. Andrea, Dan & Alex to coordinate.
3. Energy Navigator Project Request from Jean Terwilliger (Mary)
 - a. CCC to co-sponsor get together to introduce program.
 - b. Alex to be CCC contact person assisting with the event.
4. CCC Liaison in CPC Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Update (Don & Mary)
 - a. Mary to forward her comments to date to CCC for review and support.
 - b. CCC to consider a liaison for the zoning update process.
5. VT Town Forest Initiative (Mary)
 - a. UVM initiative and survey.
 - b. Douglas Pond (7 acres) only Town property with forest.
 - c. Dan and Mike to fill out survey.

Updates, Reports and Announcements

1. Reports from CSB, CPC and DRB (Don & Mary)
 - a. CSB: Appointment of Dan to CCC on February 18 CSB meeting agenda.
 - b. CPC: Zoning Regulations update.

- c. DRB: No recent activity.
- 2. CORA Project (Andrea)
 - a. No news.
- 3. Website Updates
 - a. Send any updates to Donna.

Next Meetings:

March 13: Andrea: Meeting Chair Mary: Recording Secretary

April 10: Kristina: Meeting Chair Andrea Recording Secretary

Newsletter: April '25 (March – Donna), July '25 (June – Kristina), October '25 (September – Mike)