

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

7pm at the Town Offices (2nd FL.), 488 Town House Road, Cornish

MINUTES

Attending Members: Glenn Griffin, Chair; Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Treasurer; Linda Leone, Secretary; Julie Foote, Jody Schubert

Attending Alternate Members: David Haseman, Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor

BOS Representative: Keith Beardslee

Absent: Cindy Heath and Reyer Jaarsma, Members

Guests: Moosewood, LLC: Jeff Littleton, Principal Ecologist/Senior Planner; Steven Lamonde, Ecologist/Project Manager

Members of the Public: Kathleen Maslan

1. 7 pm Call To Order / Glenn. Glenn called the meeting to order and said that he had reordered the agenda to allow the Moosewood presentation to be heard first.
2. [Conservation Plan](#) Update / Robin, Project Manager
 - a. Jeff introduced Steven who presented their [Update: Overview/Presentation](#), touching on the following topics: (30-45 mins)
 - i. Description of their field season with photos / basic list of observations / preliminary mapping
 - ii. Emerging goals & November 19 Community Forum Agenda
 - iii. [Draft Agenda and Messaging](#): timing/implementation of mailings, signage, etc. Robin reviewed progress on messaging that was sent out in letter and email format on October 12 as outlined in the document. Jody asked that we message conserved property owners, Dave Haseman suggested environmentalists such as Dode Gladders/UNH.
 - iv. Logistics: *The Commission did not address this point.*
 1. Volunteers for early set-up and refreshments
 2. Set up, refreshments, A/V equipment.
 - b. Winter Forum - "Presentation of Draft Conservation Plan"
FINAL DATE: Wednesday 2/11. (Friday 2/13 back up date)
Both dates are held at the Old Town Hall 6-8pm event and CHS' A/V is confirmed.
 - c. [Project Progress](#) spreadsheet is tracking progress. The Commission did not review this item.
 - d. Young People's Follow Up at Cornish Elementary (Jody): Jody has spoken with Brandon Hill, new principal and advertising the community forum in the weekly school electronic newsletter - He will insert our November Forum advertisement, including a link to the survey form for student/parent input. Brandon will publish repeatedly before the forum.
3. Vote to Approve of the [Draft Minutes of the September 24, 2025 Meeting](#) and a suggested change to [the July 23, 2025 Minutes \(Jody\)](#)/ Glenn
 - a. September 24 minutes: We reviewed Jody's suggested corrections to these minutes. Linda motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Julie seconded the motion and the amended minutes were accepted unanimously.
 - b. July 23 minutes Item 5b: Item 5b Jody said that *based on her recent conversation with Dale Lawrence, Dale did not express support for the following wording which was included*

in the minutes: “long term plans for bridge maintenance and raising the boardwalk and ramp height”.

4. [Treasurer's Report](#) (quarterly - Apr / July / **Oct** / Jan) / Robin

- a. For the nine months ended September 30, 2025, the CCC's restricted funds totaled \$206,000, generating \$6,600 (3.29%) in interest income from the NHPDIP. Third quarter expenditures included \$500 from the Palmer Funds for the Beaver Event and \$4,283 from the Conservation Funds for the first billing related to the Conservation Plan Project. Invoice 2 for the Project of \$8,500 is currently outstanding and awaiting payment. Additionally, the Conservation Funds received the \$4,500 annual appropriation from the Town and further proceeds from the sale of NRI books.
- b. NHACC annual dues of \$250 is due for 2026. The group decided to table approval of this invoice until later in the year.

5. Membership

- a. New Alternate Member Candidate David Haseman / Glenn. David was appointed by the BOS on October 16 as an alternate member whose term expires on 3/31/28. Glenn welcomed David to the Commission, giving him a hat and a copy of the 2025 NRI. Glenn also gave Keith a Conservation Commission hat as our BOS representative.
- b. [CCC Membership List](#) / Linda. The list needs members' review and ok on contact info.

6. New Domain for Town Government Entities / Glenn

- a. For all government entities, this is a more secure, encrypted domain, establishing official status, increasing credibility, ensuring clarity of purpose, and it is being rolled out nation-wide.
- b. Conservation@cornish.nh.gov and Conservation.sec@cornish.nh.gov Robin motioned that acknowledging the new environment we have one email address, the officers would be the only members who have read-write access to the email. As far as migrating our files to the new domain, Glenn would perform the document migration, editing rights will belong only to the officers with viewing rights being ascribed to members. As necessary, suggesting mode access would be made available. Jody seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously in favor of the process.

7. [UVLT Funding Request](#) 10/9/25 [Follow up Question](#) (seeking funds after a closing) / Robin. Robin said UVLT has asked if they can come back to the Commission after the project is closed and that the Commission would consider funding the closed project. After discussion, it was agreed that the Commission will not pre-commit anything at this time and Robin will communicate this decision to UVLT.

8. [Events](#) & Activities / Jody See 2.d. Above. Also water test kits continue to be accessed from the town offices, Jody provided a new supply from Endyne to Mary Curtis last week. Discussion on public education included how to get the excellent info in Bob's boxes onto the website. Linda and Jody agreed to work with Bob on this effort. An idea for an education program in the coming year is to coordinate/sponsor SAGA findings regarding invasive species and overbrowse by deer. And possibly an invitation to townspeople to identify vernal pools across town.

9. Land Monitoring of Conservation Properties where Cornish is the Primary Easement Holder/

- a. [Land Monitoring Calendar for 2025](#) / Linda/Rickey. [reminder per C Harding UVLT LCIP Reports](#). Linda encouraged everyone to finish his/her walk and report well before the end of December.
 - i. White Swan: November 11 and November 13 at 10am are tentative dates. And the Commission chose November 11. Glenn and Julie are available for the walk.
 - ii. Meyette: Glenn is finalizing the letter to Brian Meyette and is proposing dates of Nov 2 or Nov 9. [Letter Glenn to BMeyette](#)
- b. Agenda Mock-up for [easement review](#) / Rickey. Rickey is suggesting a document summarizing important aspects of each of the 7 easements themselves where Cornish is a primary holder. This would be more in depth than the summary document we now use.

It would be available online. Rickey will present the Barker/Lenz as a pilot easement. She suggests Commissioners volunteer to take on specific properties. Robin volunteered to assist Rickey with the form itself and with the first (Barker/Lenz) summary. There is no hurry to accomplish this.

- c. Research Regarding [Transferring Primary Easement Holder Rights](#) / Robin. Due to the late hour, Robin proposed tabling this item to the next meeting.

10. Other Business / All

- a. BOS Representative Update / Keith. He indicated that the BOS' time is overwhelmingly consumed with improving the road situation in Cornish.
- b. Follow up offering Town Hall to UVLT re their Wildlife Corridor Findings - pivot UVLT now wants to do a new study in our region and would like to partner / Robin. Robin will share more details with the Commissioners at a future date once UVLT has firmed up their thinking on the topic.
- c. [NHACC Annual Meeting November 1](#): Reminder to CCC members to register. Glenn, Jody and Linda are registered.
- d. NRI/Linda: there are only 5 copies remaining from the original order of #30. The Commission asked Linda to order #10 more to be available at the November 19 Forum and thereafter.

11. Next Meeting: Confirm/Change Date for November 26 Meeting and Agenda Items

- a. The November meeting will be scheduled on December 10, to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

12. Adjournment /Glenn. Glenn adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.